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Paid bills approved by School Committee as follows : —

HIGH SCHOOL.

Charles E. Stetson, teaching 40 weeks, at \$35 per week	\$1,400 00	
Martha Reed, teaching 40 weeks at \$11.25 per week	450 00	
Michael Brandley, for coal	54 78	
J. F. Sheppard, for coal	7 25	
Joseph Dyer, for wood	1 50	
Morrill Williams, 9 bbls. kindlings	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,916 23

POND SCHOOL.

F. A. Pease, teaching 20 weeks, at \$15 per week	\$300 00	
H. E. Wentworth, teaching 18 weeks, at \$15 per week	270 00	
S. Ella Torrey, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 per week	320 00	
E. M. Thompson, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 per week	320 00	
Susie M. Reed, teaching $39\frac{4}{5}$ weeks, at \$8 per week	318 40	
Mary C. Brightman, for teaching two weeks, at \$15 per week	30 00	
James Martin, wood	4 12	
George Mansfield, sawing and splitting wood	2 25	
J. F. Sheppard, coal	41 75	
Michael Brandley, coal	86 37	
J. Loud & Co., coal	5 94	
M. L. Tupper, kindlings	50	
Morrill Williams, 14 bbls. kindlings	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,703 53

UNION SCHOOL.

Wellington Record, teaching 36 weeks, at \$15	\$540 00	
Edward E. Swallow, teaching 4 weeks, at \$15	60 00	
Helen A. Nevers, teaching 39 weeks, at \$8,	312 00	
Fannie M. Dugay, teaching 20 weeks, at \$7,	140 00	
Fannie M. Dugay, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8,	160 00	
Abbie A. Mills, teaching 32 weeks, at \$8	256 00	
R. A. Gage, care of house	101 75	

R. A. Gage, 14 bbls. shavings . . .	\$2 10	
Michael Brandley, for coal . . .	65 89	
J. F. Sheppard, for coal . . .	6 75	
J. Loud & Co., for coal . . .	6 59	
Morrill Williams, 24 bbls. kindlings . .	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,658 28

IRON WORKS SCHOOL.

Alverdo Mason, teaching 40 weeks, at \$15 .	\$600 00	
Inez A. Penniman, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8	320 00	
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	320 00	
Alverdo Mason, care of house . . .	16 00	
William B. Morse, Jr., care of house . .	51 50	
E. W. Mason, care of house . . .	8 00	
Lizzie Corkery, cleaning house . . .	4 95	
J. Loud & Co., for coal . . .	45 77	
William B. Morse, Jr., shavings . . .	1 25	
Morrill Williams, kindlings . . .	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,374 67

EAST SCHOOL.

Victoria P. Wild, teaching $39\frac{2}{5}$ weeks, at $\$11\frac{1}{4}$	\$443 00	
Nettie L. Burt, teaching $39\frac{2}{5}$ weeks, at \$8 .	316 80	
Jesse Burrel, care of house . . .	48 00	
Nettie L. Burt, cash paid cleaning house .	3 05	
Mrs. S. G. Buker, cleaning house . . .	2 75	
Mrs. Flood, cleaning house . . .	5 76	
J. Loud & Co., coal . . .	50 84	
J. F. Sheppard, wood . . .	2 30	
Morrill Williams, kindlings . . .	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$876 10

SOUTH SCHOOL.

M. E. C. Bannon, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	\$320 00	
Mary E. Tenney, care of house . . .	15 00	
James L. Lavin, coal . . .	14 00	
Michael Brandley, coal . . .	18 79	
George W. Dyer, shavings . . .	40	
Morrill Williams, kindlings . . .	11 40	
	<hr/>	\$379 59

SOUTHEAST SCHOOL.

Ella E. Cronin, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8 .	\$160 00	
Margaret G. King, teaching 20 weeks, at \$6,	120 00	

Martha Penniman, care of house, and cleaning same	\$17 10	
Michael Brandley, coal	11 88	
Joel F. Sheppard, coal	3 63	
G. W. Dyer, shavings.	30	
Morrill Williams, kindlings.	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$316 51

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

Mrs. W. Record, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	\$320 00	
Herbert A. Holbrook, care of house	9 00	
Ada F. Thayer, care of house	6 00	
James Lavin, coal	7 00	
Michael Brandley, coal	12 10	
Morrill Williams, kindlings.	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$356 50

WEST SCHOOL.

Margaret Downey, teaching 40 weeks, at \$6. .	\$240 00	
Elisha Savill, care of house	16 00	
Michael Brandley, coal	11 91	
J. F. Sheppard, coal	6 75	
Morrill Williams, kindlings.	6 00	
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MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Mary L. Crowe, teaching 32 weeks, at \$7 .	224 00	
Mary L. Crowe, teaching 8 weeks, at \$8 .	64 00	
George H. Howe, care of house	7 50	
Orrin W. Hollis, care of house	7 50	
Michael Brandley, coal	19 33	
R. A. Gage, shavings	90	
Morrill Williams, kindlings.	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$326 83

Total for schools	\$9,188 90
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid T. W. Gilson, for reading books .	\$32 76
Hall & Whiting, for reading books .	10 53
R. S. Davis, for reading books	5 25

Paid Boston School Supply Company, books, charts, etc.	\$49 85
Boston School Supply Company, chart, easel, etc.	7 38
Boston School Supply Company, for blanks	5 84
Boston School Supply Company, cray- ons, erasers, etc.	24 90
C. W. Clark, call bell, Pond School . .	1 00
C. W. Clark, call bell, South School .	75
Edwards P. Allen, books and crayons, Union School	3 13
Edwards P. Allen, books for poor chil- dren	3 62
O. M. Rogers, grate and hook, High School	1 60
O. M. Rogers, repairs of stoves, etc., South School	8 45
O. M. Rogers, knob for heater, South- east School	30
O. M. Rogers, floor brush and labor on grate, Pond School	1 70
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stove, Pond School	1 25
O. M. Rogers, stove, coal hod, and duster for Southwest School	29 90
O. M. Rogers, duster for Iron Works .	85
C. F. Vaughan, slates for Iron Works .	1 26
A. F. Hall, engrossing diplomas, High School	5 25
J. W. Queen, supplies, High School .	53 85
Charles E. Stetson, ink, High School .	75
Coburn Brothers, programmes, High School	6 00
Julia F. Hayward, crayons, books, etc., Pond School	6 83
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor chil- dren, Pond School	60
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor chil- dren, West School	2 01
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor chil- dren, Iron Works School	1 96
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor chil- dren, East School	1 90
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, Iron Works School	15 95
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, East School	5 13

Paid Julia F. Hayward, crayons, South School	\$0 20
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, West School	5 77
Julia F. Hayward, crayons, West School,	40
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, Southeast School	1 30
Julia F. Hayward, crayons, High School,	20
Julia F. Hayward, books, postal cards, paper, and stamps for School Committee	3 70
Joseph I. Bates & Sons, repairs on stove, Middle Street School	1 25
Joseph I. Bates & Sons, exchanging stove, Iron Works School	27 75
Joseph I. Bates & Sons, repairs on stove, Iron Works School	5 64
Horace Dana, water pail and dipper, Middle Street School	50
Joseph I. Bates & Sons, exchanging stove, East School	26 00
Joseph I. Bates & Sons, repairing stove, East School	3 50
Daniel H. Huxford, printing	5 00
Charles Thayer, cover to piano, High School	3 65
William B. Morse, Jr., dipper, Iron Works School	25
P. D. Holbrook & Co., dipper, Southeast School	20
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies, Pond School	6 56
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies, South School	55
P. D. Holbrook & Co., coal hod, Middle Street School	94
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	7 10
George S. Baker, call bell, Middle Street School	62
George S. Baker, call bell, Union School	83
R. A. Gage, cleaning stove, Middle Street School	50
William Bowditch, brooms, East School	60
Sanborn & Damon, repairing stove, etc., High School	11 75
Sanborn & Damon, stovepipe and repairs on stove, West School	11 50

Paid Sanborn & Damon, grates to stoves,		
Union School	\$2 99	
Vanantwerp, Bragg & Co., books.	10 13	
	<hr/>	\$429 93

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Paid W. J. Custance, dipper and chain,		
Union Schoolhouse	\$2 35	
Thomas Penniman, labor and stock,		
Pond Schoolhouse	50 57	
Thomas Penniman, labor and stock,		
Southeast Schoolhouse	6 18	
O. M. Rogers, door knob, Pond		
Schoolhouse	25	
Adam Hobart, whitewashing South		
Schoolhouse	2 00	
E. W. Mason, grading yard, Iron		
Works Schoolhouse	9 00	
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor and material,		
Iron Works Schoolhouse	7 96	
William B. Morse, Jr., setting glass,		
Iron Works Schoolhouse	3 50	
G. D. Whittaker, repairs, Middle		
Street Schoolhouse	75	
E. H. Frary, repairing clock, Middle		
Street Schoolhouse	1 75	
George S. Baker, ironware, Middle		
Street Schoolhouse	84	
G. D. Whittaker, repairing drain,		
Union Schoolhouse	75	
J. H. Macandrew, painting and set-		
ting glass, Union Schoolhouse	7 41	
Thomas B. Stoddard, paint and labor,		
South Schoolhouse	11 40	
Thomas B. Stoddard, paint and labor,		
Pond Schoolhouse	8 40	
W. H. Cobb, netting wire and labor,		
Pond Schoolhouse	6 63	
Albert E. Bradford, setting glass,		
Pond Schoolhouse	1 00	
H. M. White, glass and hardware,		
Pond Schoolhouse	70	
James L. Hunter, grading around East		
Schoolhouse	10 20	
George Hill, labor and material grad-		
ing around Union Schoolhouse	5 50	

Paid Wales Brothers, repairing pump, Union Schoolhouse	\$5 00	
Wales Brothers, repairing pump, Mayflower Park Schoolhouse	3 00	
Robert Brooks, labor and material East Schoolhouse	33 80	
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REFURNISHING EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL-ROOM.

Appropriation		\$350 00
Paid O. D. Case & Co., school furniture	\$167 15	
G. F. Roach & Co., chairs	7 50	
Hayward Bros., lumber and labor	170 89	
Whitmarsh and Lyon, mason work	11 13	
J. F. Sheppard, cedar post	75	
	<hr/>	\$357 42

PAINTING SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation		\$500 00
Paid T. B. Stoddard, painting Southwest Schoolhouse	\$25 00	
T. B. Stoddard, painting South Schoolhouse	25 00	
T. B. Stoddard, painting Southeast Schoolhouse	25 00	
T. B. Stoddard, painting Pond Schoolhouse	100 00	
J. H. Macandrew, painting Union Schoolhouse	85 00	
Robert Brooks, painting Iron Works and East Schoolhouses	175 00	
Josiah Penniman, painting Middle Street and West Schoolhouses	50 00	
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FURNISHING ROOM IN UNION SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation		\$325 00
Paid C. W. Clark, desk and tables	\$165 20	
O. M. Rogers, heater	50 00	
O. M. Rogers, 85 lbs. Russia pipe	21 25	
O. M. Rogers, iron fender, zinc and tacks	9 00	
N. D. Cole, one octagon clock	6 00	
C. W. Hobart, labor and stock	46 61	
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REPAIRS ON SOUTH SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid T. B. Stoddard, 7 days' labor, at \$2.50,	\$17 50	
T. B. Stoddard, 1 pair blinds . . .	1 00	
T. B. Stoddard, setting glass . . .	1 00	
P. D. Holbrook, paint, oil, hardware, etc.	20 21	
Thomas Penniman, labor	24 25	
Thomas Penniman, stock	23 00	
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SOUTHWEST SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid Thomas Penniman for labor . . .	\$30 00	
Thomas Penniman for lumber, etc. . .	68 25	
Thomas Penniman, paint and paint- ing	5 25	
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ALMSHOUSE.

Dr.

Appraisal Feb. 1, 1883	\$1,918 75	
Paid John N. Fox, superintendent . . .	101 87	
John N. Fox, sundry bills	9 96	
Morrill Williams, services as superin- tendent	257 25	
Morrill Williams, sundry bills	19 95	
P. D. Holbrook, groceries	198 32	
H. M. White, groceries	144 63	
J. M. Arnold, groceries	142 48	
W. E. Daily, butter	50 25	
Edwin F. French, meat	34 12	
Moses Tibbetts, fish	7 66	
A. S. Cobb, fish	14 02	
Ambler & Hobart, grain	197 56	
William A. Hodges, bread and crack- ers	40 60	
Charles T. Sumner, oysters	5 85	
A. A. Saunders, meat	7 89	
Isaac Porter, meat	13 25	
A. C. Hollenbeck, meat	5 01	
C. W. Hollis, meat	62 58	
Flora J. Dyer & Co., dry goods . . .	27 05	
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing, boots, and shoes	95 62	

Paid Cobb, Bates & Co., tea	\$10 38
Joshua Wilkins, horse	225 00
E. W. Hobart, cow	45 00
Silas Jones, two pigs	20 00
E. F. E. Thayer, standing wood . .	21 75
James Lavin, coal	4 38
J. F. Sheppard, coal	71 77
J. F. Sheppard, ice	10 00
David H. B. Thayer, use of horse . .	21 00
J. B. Souther, wheel chair	17 00
J. N. Fox, sewing machine	35 00
J. M. Whaley, shoeing horse	5 50
Edward Shay, blacksmith work . . .	16 35
H. H. Thayer, blacksmith work . . .	5 25
C. G. Anderson, repairs on wagon . .	1 25
O. M. Rogers, ironware, tinware, and repairs	11 48
L. Stetson, driving cows from Brigh- ton, 1881-22	2 00
Julia F. Hayward, medicine	14 91
A. R. Dickenson, medicine	5 85
William H. Cobb, hardware	85
H. B. Whitman, repairing harness . .	1 50
Wales Brothers, repairs on pump . . .	2 00
T. B. Vinton, returning pauper to house	1 50
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on inmates	12 63
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on inmates	11 00
Braintree School Fund, rent of farm .	200 00
S. W. Hollis, services and expenses as overseer	15 00
A. O. Clark, services and expenses as overseer	20 00
A. J. Bates, services and expenses as overseer	6 00
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Appraisal Feb. 1, 1884	\$1,795 08
Received from sale of cow	65 00
Received of William Reed for milk . .	268 97
Received of W. Record for milk . . .	16 98
Received from sale of hay	121 04
Received of J. M. Arnold for eggs . .	52 52
Received from road commissioners for board of horses	30 00

Received for labor and produce	\$177 67
Due from D. Brainard Thayer, for produce	2 00
	<hr/> \$2,529 26

Total cost of poor in almshouse \$1,639 76

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1884.

	Age.	Days.
George W. Hall	57	365
George Littlefield	57	365
Thomas Buker	49	365
Frederic Bunker	37	365
Sally White	79	365
Mary Ann Littlefield	67	365
Caroline N. Littlefield	59	365
Mary Goodman	46	365
Maria Barton	62	365
Albert Lucass	53	323
Charles Hayden	56	289
Tristram Dalton	73	238
J. Franklin Holbrook	49	142
Thomas B. Coffin	78	73
Lawrence Lynch	56	125
Sarah McComish	47	117
Mrs. J. Sheehan	62	12
Patrick Quigley	57	9
114 Tramps		114
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Total number of days		4,777
Total number of weeks		682 $\frac{3}{7}$
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Total cost per week		\$2 40

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By cash received from city of Taunton	\$4 56
Due from city of Somerville	43 20
Due from town of Holbrook	124 80
Due from town of Weymouth	4 11
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	\$176 67

APPRAISAL AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1884.

One horse	\$225 00
One cow	70 00
One cow	60 00
One cow	45 00

Thirty-six fowls	\$18 00
One covered wagon	100 00
One express wagon	10 00
One hay wagon	25 00
One farm wagon	15 00
Two horse carts	80 00
One horse sled	4 00
One sleigh	12 00
Two snow ploughs	18 00
One harrow	3 00
Two ploughs	8 00
One wheelbarrow	50
Three harnesses	40 00
Ten cords manure	60 00
Five tons English hay	115 00
Six cords pine wood	36 00
Sixteen cords hard wood	72 00
Two and one half cords cut wood	20 00
Forty barrels kindlings	12 00
Oak lumber	4 00
Old plank	2 00
Thirty-two barrels	3 20
Three ladders	6 00
Eight manure and hay forks	4 00
Two iron rakes	1 00
Six hay rakes	1 00
Hay ropes	1 00
Hoes	1 25
Iron bar	1 00
Eight picks and six shovels	7 00
Scythes and snaths	2 50
Grindstone	5 00
Work bench and tools	2 00
Bush hook	60
Bill hook	50
Robes and blankets	5 00
Steel balances	2 75
Wheel jack and wrench	1 50
Axes and saws	6 00
Stone tools	1 50
Beetle and wedges	1 50
Curtain fixtures	2 00
Towels	4 50
Table cloths	4 00
Spoon, knives, and forks	2 50
Corn popper	20
Three cans and oil	3 00
Ice chest	2 50

Stoves	\$60 00
Soap	80
Tobacco	1 35
Fifteen beds and bedding	200 00
Two barrels of flour	16 00
Spices	1 00
One tub	62
Pails	2 00
Washtubs	3 50
Baskets and washboards	4 00
Meal chest and meal	2 75
Nine meal bags	1 80
Seven bushels beans	21 00
Ten bushels potatoes	7 50
Vegetables	20 00
Seed peas	3 00
Grass seed	3 00
Two and one half bushels corn and beans	2 00
Two tons of coal	15 00
Two bushels salt	1 00
Two hundred and twenty-five pounds salt pork	27 00
One hundred pounds hams	14 00
Pork barrels	2 50
Iron door	3 00
Cage and handcuffs	25 00
Iron, stone, tin, and wooden ware	20 00
Crockery and glassware	15 00
Tables and chairs	24 00
Extension table	10 00
Brushes and brooms	2 00
Four looking-glasses	3 00
Two wire doors	2 50
Lamps and lanterns	3 00
One churn	1 00
Clothes horses	1 25
Clothes wringer	2 50
Coal hods	1 00
Set of measures	1 50
Butter stamp	75
Two clocks	1 50
Two chests	1 00
Spittoons	75
Closet	1 00
Bell	50
Six flat-irons	1 00
One desk	3 00
Rocking chairs	3 00
Chest of drawers	2 00

One carpet	\$18 00
Oilcloth	1 00
Twelve pounds coffee	1 70
Wheel chair	17 00
Sewing machine.	33 00
Five pounds tea	2 50
Twenty pounds sugar.	1 70
Sixty-five pounds lard	7 80
Two gallons molasses	1 50
One hundred pounds butter	29 00
One quarter barrel crackers	75
Vinegar	86
Eggs	1 20
Preserves and provisions	10 00
Salt fish	1 00
Washing plunger	1 00
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	\$1,795 08

POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Jacob Veazie	\$208 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of John Henesey	198 32
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of William Kincaid	186 61
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Elizabeth Penniman	179 47
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Harriet Dyer	188 36
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of William Callahan.	184 50
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of William F. Furnald	96 77
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of Teresa O. Rouke	118 50
City of Boston, aid to Bridget Callahan	41 08
City of Boston, aid to John Hanlan's child	29 04
City of Boston, aid to Alexander B. Shaw	23 26
City of Boston, aid to E. D. Maybury	3 57
City of Boston, aid to Mary Hewes	10 00
City of Boston, aid to Annie Egan	12 00
City of Taunton, aid to Robert Tipping	15 00
Town of Holbrook, aid to Mrs. Betters and child	3 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to Mrs. Betters and child	40 63
J. W. Hollis, supplies to Mrs. Betters and child	14 82

Paid Town of Randolph, aid to Chandler Cox . . .	\$4 00
Town of Randolph, aid to William Wild . . .	1 50
Town of Randolph, aid to Harriet L. Mansfield . .	10 00
East Bridgewater, supplies and medical attendance in 1882	86 11
Aid to Harriet L. Mansfield	60 00
City of Worcester, aid to Fenton Murphy . . .	17 00
Town of Quincy, aid to William H. Mulligan . .	27 28
Town of Quincy, aid to John Somers	31 82
Town of South Scituate, aid to Charles David . .	6 00
Robert Saunders, aid to Elizabeth Saunders . . .	11 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to Elizabeth Saunders.	36 04
Aid to Margaret Slavin	43 00
H. M. White, supplies to Margaret Slavin . . .	3 00
J. M. Arnold, supplies to Margaret Slavin . . .	3 00
Aid to Eva D. Burtch	12 00
J. M. Arnold, supplies to Mrs. Coneton	157 51
Aid to Mrs. Coneton	6 00
J. M. Arnold, supplies to Michael Sullivan . . .	49 90
John Cavanagh, rent for Michael Sullivan . . .	8 33
C. W. Hollis, meat to Michael Sullivan	26 15
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Michael Sullivan . . .	8 50
J. M. Arnold, supplies to S. G. Leavitt	6 00
T. M. Dearing, medical attendance on S. G. Leavitt	12 75
Michael McDermott, moving William T. McCormick, to Waltham	4 00
John Taylor, supplies to William T. McCormick . .	6 00
Aid to Mrs. L. W. Holbrook	9 00
G. C. Hollenbeck, burial of Mrs. L. W. Holbrook .	15 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Mrs. L. W. Holbrook	1 00
Aid to Waldo Holbrook	72 00
James Lavin, coal to J. Franklin Holbrook . . .	8 26
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to J. Franklin Holbrook	38 08
F. C. Granger, medical attendance on Mrs. Franklin Holbrook	53 50
James Lavin, coal to Mrs. Nightengale	14 76
Martin L. Tupper, coal to Mrs. Nightengale . .	8 25
R. A. Thayer, wood to Mrs. Nightengale . . .	1 25
R. A. Thayer, milk to Mrs. Nightengale	4 38
H. M. White, supplies to Mrs. Nightengale . . .	47 00
P. D. Holbrook, supplies to Mrs. Nightengale . .	8 00
F. C. Granger, medical attendance on Mrs. Nightengale	4 00

Paid Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Mrs. Nightengale	\$8 00
A. R. Dickinson, medicine	3 65
Mrs. E. A. Hunt, nursing Mrs. Nightengale	18 00
Mrs. E. A. Hayden, nursing Mrs. Nightengale	8 00
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing Mrs. Nightengale's boy	10 00
James Lavin, coal to Mrs. A. L. Cole	8 13
Martin L. Tupper, coal to Mrs. A. L. Cole	11 75
H. M. White, supplies to Mrs. A. L. Cole	104 00
James Lavin, coal to poor person (refunded)	4 13
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing to poor person (refunded)	10 00
Morrill Williams, support of Charles Hayden	8 66
James Wilson, supplies to Susan Cromwell	3 00
James Wilson, supplies to Mrs. Higgins	1 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Higgins	3 90
James Wilson, supplies to George C. Buker	4 00
Josiah W. Thayer, wood for Betsey Wild	4 00
Thomas Finnegan, wood for Betsey Wild	6 00
Andrew Dyer, wood for Betsey Wild	6 00
P. D. Holbrook, supplies to Betsey Wild	48 50
Jacob Buker, sawing and splitting wood for Betsey Wild	8 50
Aid to Joseph Tuck	10 00
John Taylor, supplies to T. J. Dalton	2 00
William Bowditch, supplies to T. J. Dalton	6 58
J. F. Sheppard, coal to T. J. Dalton	3 50
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on T. J. Dalton	7 64
S. E. Bridgham, medical attendance on Wm. R. Lynch	4 67
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Mrs. Wm. R. Lynch	4 00
H. M. White, supplies to Wm. R. Lynch	21 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to Wm. R. Lynch	21 00
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing for C. A. Hayden's boys	10 85
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to C. A. Hayden	18 53
F. C. Granger, medical attendance on C. A. Hayden	8 00
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing for Lawrence Lynch	10 20
J. M. Arnold, goods to poor person (refunded)	8 00
Ford & McCormick, funeral expenses Frank Gorman	16 50
William Bowditch, supplies to Frank Gorman	74 00

Paid J. F. Sheppard, fuel to Frank Gorman	\$4 90
John Crane, shoes to Frank Gorman's children	2 50
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Frank Gorman	2 00
Benjamin F. Smith, medicine to Mary E. Nason	33 28
G. C. Hollenbeck, burial of poor person (refunded)	15 00
Benjamin Stevens, digging grave poor person (refunded)	3 00
John Crane, shoes to McCue children	2 50
William Bowditch, supplies to Mrs. McCue	30 00
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. McCue's family	20 33
J. F. Sheppard, fuel to Mrs. McCue	23 05
G. C. Hollenbeck, burial poor child (refunded)	10 00
William Bowditch, supplies to Mrs. McMahan	26 00
William Bowditch, supplies to Thomas Griffin	18 20
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing to Herbert A. Holbrook	2 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to B. F. Carey and family	6 00
J. M. Arnold, supplies to B. F. Carey and family	2 00
J. L. Simonds, rent to B. F. Carey and family	8 00
Alfred Wyman, medicine to Rafferty girls	3 90
William Bowditch, supplies to Rafferty girls	7 75
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Rafferty girls	32 34
J. F. Sheppard, coal	3 65
H. M. White, supplies to Langley children	78 00
H. M. White, supplies to Patrick McLaughlin	6 00
H. M. White, supplies to Mrs. Edmund Burke	2 00
H. M. White, supplies to Lizzie Walsh and children	18 00
H. M. White, supplies to John W. Richardson	8 00
J. F. Sheppard, fuel to J. N. Hobart	11 15
J. F. Sheppard, fuel to Lucy Thayer	33 21
Ford & McCormick, burial John Sheehan's child	15 00
Martin L. Tupper, coal to Mrs. Edmund Burke	3 50
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Thomas B. Coffin	1 00
Benjamin Stevens, digging grave for poor person	3 00
William Bowditch, goods to Philip J. McGee	12 00
William Bowditch, goods to Morris Connor	3 45
J. M. Arnold, goods to Mrs. Lydia Peterson	3 00
H. M. White, goods to Andrew Nightengale	3 00
H. M. White, goods to Rufus Mason	6 00
A. R. Dickinson, medicine to Rufus Mason	4 40
Rufus A. Thayer, wood to Mrs. Langley	1 50
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Mrs Langley,	50

Paid Noah Torrey, medical attendance on E. Huff and family	\$6 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on James W. Saunders	1 50
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on George C. Buker	2 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., pair boots to Isaac A. Tower	3 90
S. W. Hollis, wood to Mrs. Lydia Peterson	4 50
S. W. Hollis, wood to Michael Sullivan	6 00
S. W. Hollis, services as overseer	75 00
S. W. Hollis, cash expenses	15 50
S. W. Hollis, use of team	14 25
A. J. Bates, services as overseer	50 00
A. J. Bates, cash expenses	2 50
A. O. Clark, services as overseer	75 00
A. O. Clark, cash expense	13 50
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	\$3,719 25

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Due from city of Chelsea, for William T. McCormick	\$10 00
Due from city of Brockton, for Mrs. A. L. Cole and family	123 88
Due from city of Brockton, for W. R. Lynch and family	50 67
Due from city of Lawrence, for B. F. Carey and family,	16 00
Due from city of Somerville, for Lawrence Lynch	10 20
Due from town of South Scituate, for Susan Cromwell,	3 00
Due from town of Foxborough, for Mrs. E. Burke	5 50
Due from town of Holbrook, for Mrs. E. Walsh and family	18 00
Due from town of Weymouth, for John Sheehan and child	15 00
Due from town of Weymouth, for Philip J. McGee	12 00
Due from town of Weymouth, for Isaac A. Tower	3 90
Due the State, for Morris Connor	3 45
Due the State, for Mrs. Lydia Peterson	7 50
Due the State, for James W. Saunders	1 50
Due from town of Canton, for Rufus E. Mann	10 40
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	\$291 00

HOSPITALS.

To cash paid for board of insane persons	\$286 21
By cash refunded by friends (see treasurer's account).	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

N. F. T. Hayden, treasurer of trustees	\$450 00
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GRAND ARMY.

M. A. Perkins, quartermaster Post 87	\$150 00
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IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN LANDS.

Andrew Dyer, 15 days, self and team, at \$3.25	\$48 75
Thomas F. Finnegan, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, self, at \$1.75	24 07
Thomas F. Finnegan, 14 days, team, at \$1.50	21 00
John Kelley, 12 days, at \$1.50	18 00
George E. Arnold, 11 days, at \$1.50	16 50
Elmer E. Dyer, 9 days, at \$1.50	13 50
John Rennie, 6 days, at \$1.50	9 00
W. A. Hollis, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$1.50	75
E. A. Hollingsworth, 108 loads of gravel, at 12c. per load	12 96
Edward Hobart, 70 loads of gravel, at 12c. per load	8 40
Mitchel Granite Co., leading soldiers' monument	8 00
B. Johnson, lumber for horse sheds	21 75
P. D. Holbrook & Co., nails and grass seed	2 98
Thomas Penniman, labor on horse sheds	6 99
H. H. Robbins, 60 trees and setting the same	60 00
Highways to 38 loads of fine crushed stone, at 40c.	15 20
Highways to 80 loads of gutter cleanings, at 25c.	20 00

\$307 85 -

REMOVING SNOW.

A. O. Clark, surveyor of highways, paid sundry bills	\$27 80
J. L. Hunter, surveyor of highways, paid sundry bills	66 30
J. W. Dorety, surveyor of highways, paid sundry bills	9 00
Moses Hunt, removing snow	6 00

\$109 10

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REMOVING SNOW,

AS PER BILLS.

J. L. Hunter	\$121 75
G. H. Arnold	89 00
A. O. Clark	70 96
Morrill Williams, superintendent of alms-house.	10 02
Labor of town horses	17 60

309 33

Total amount drawn for removing snow	\$418 43
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DRAWBRIDGE.

Paid S. F. Whitmarsh, care of bridge	\$100 00
S. F. Whitmarsh, cash paid sundry bills . . .	11 77
Thomas South, for iron work	8 50
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	\$120 27

TOWN HALL.

Dr.

O. M. Rogers, repairing lead pipe	\$1 10
O. M. Rogers, two Russia iron fenders . . .	6 50
O. M. Rogers, blacking and setting up stoves and pipe	3 95
O. M. Rogers, brush and brooms and labor on pipes	4 50
W. H. Cobb, lawn mower	2 00
L. R. Barnes, setting glass and painting gas pipes	2 75
Horace Dana, oil	2 70
Charles Thayer, cash paid fares to Boston, and for sundry articles	6 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline . . .	159 19
Michael Brandley, coal	61 27
J. F. Sheppard, coal	34 93
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, etc	15 74
H. M. White, oil, hardware, matches, glass, etc.	6 55
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	6 50
Old Colony Railroad, freight on gasoline . .	1 02
Wales Bros., repairs on pump	2 00
Wales Bros., new pump	22 50
Morrill Williams, kindlings	6 90
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	\$346 10

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By cash paid treasurer for use of hall . . .	293 22
By cash paid treasurer for use of piano . . .	14 00
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JANITOR.

Charles Thayer, services as janitor	\$600 00
Charles Thayer, fare to Boston	60
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	\$600 60

LIGHTING AND VENTILATING TOWN HALL.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid Walworth Manufacturing Co., for gas machine and fixtures	\$800 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., faucets and hose	2 50
Stillman & Nicoll, gas fixtures	293 10
A. T. Sterns & Co., four ornamental centrepiece	33 00
Burdett & Williams, hardware	10 68
Loud & Pratt, lumber and carting	28 96
Walker & Pratt Manufacturing Co., ventilators	10 20
William R. Penniman, labor and stock, H. B. Whitman, cloth, tacks, and labor for doors	62 23
A. W. Hastings & Co., two toplights, L. R. Barnes, paint and labor	8 35
O. M. Rogers, labor and material	3 16
Thomas Penniman, putting up stage and lantern	9 20
Munroe Belcher, digging well for tank, Elmer E. Dyer, digging well for tank, William R. Penniman, services as committee	10 11
Horace Abercrombie, services as committee	1 25
James T. Stevens, services as committee	9 00
Eben Denton, services as committee	6 00
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	12 00
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Edward Avery, professional services and advice, from 1879 to 1883	\$25 00
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance on buildings	201 40
Mercer & Whittemore, insurance on buildings	315 00
G. D. Whittaker, distributing town reports	4 00
J. L. Hunter, distributing town reports	4 00
Eben Denton, services as committee before the Legislature on drawbridge	15 00
Eben Denton, cash paid carriage hire and refreshments for legislative committee	33 00
A. O. Clark, cash paid Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, books and stationery	9 45
James Humphrey, legal advice, Fire Department	15 00

Alfred Mudge & Son, printing town and school report .	\$129 75
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing 1,200 amendments to by-laws	4 00
Michael Daly, damage to carriage at Union Street bridge, 1882	10 00
Thomas B. Vinton, damage to carriage at Union Street bridge, 1882	40 00
H. A. Davis, adjusting weights and measures	7 22
Julia F. Hayward, book, stamps, and postal cards	4 04
Asa French, professional services in Vinton & Daly case	50 00
F. A. Burrell, horse hire for selectmen	2 50
Green & Prescott, for printing	71 33
P. D. Holbrook & Co., pens	92
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	95
Q. L. Reed, surveying.	5 00
Town of Quincy, use of lock-up	22 50
F. A. Hobart, services as committee on bridge before Legislature	15 00
G. C. Hollenbeck, returning deaths	8 50
Ford & McCormick, returning deaths	2 00
Samuel Curtis, returning deaths	3 25
Edward Avery, professional services	175 00
Samuel A. Bates, recording, etc., marriages, births, and deaths	70 00
Samuel A. Bates, permits for burial	7 50
Samuel A. Bates, recording licenses	2 00
Samuel A. Bates, copies of records and taking affidavits	3 50
Samuel A. Bates, cash paid stationery and postage	3 73
Samuel A. Bates, 75 hours' labor taking census of school children, at 20c. an hour	15 00
Samuel A. Bates, fares paid to Boston	90
David H. Bates, cash expenses	8 67
S. W. Hollis, cash expenses	20 50
S. W. Hollis, use of team	10 00
S. W. Hollis, one cover stone used by J. W. Dorety, 1882	3 00
A. J. Bates, copying valuation for State	15 00
A. J. Bates, cash expenses	10 00
A. O. Clark, copying valuation for State	15 00
A. O. Clark, cash expenses	21 00
Paid Daniel Doherty, injuries to boy while at work at new drawbridge	100 00
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	\$1,479 61

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

John Cavanagh, abatement tax of 1882 . . .	\$42 87
James H. Thayer, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	7 25
Maurice G. Willey, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	69
Edwards P. Allen, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	2 07
William Amory, Jr., abatement tax of 1883 . . .	21 39
James L. Simonds, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	2 76
John Arnold and others, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	7 24
Rachel A. Faxon, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	11 04
Hollingsworth & Whitney Co., abatement tax of 1883 .	1 38
Marietta Connell, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	6 90
Sarah E. Hayward, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	5 80
Joseph M. Allen, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	5 52
F. A. Hobart, trustee, abatement tax of 1883 . . .	24 84
Joseph Dyer, abatement on tax of 1881 . . .	2 83
Joseph Dyer, collecting tax of 1881 . . .	210 70
Joseph Dyer, collector, abatement on tax of 1882 .	55 69
Joseph Dyer, collector, abatement on tax of 1883 .	112 50
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	\$521 47

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE ENFORCEMENT
OF THE LAWS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
John L. Eldridge, services in prosecuting liquor cases before the court	\$201 00
Thomas Fallon, services in attendance at court . .	47 00
John Kelley, services in attendance at court . .	41 00
James L. Hunter, services in attendance at court .	10 00
James A. Reynolds, services in attendance at court .	6 00
L. H. Loud, services in attendance at court . .	6 00
Charles I. Craibe, services in attendance at court .	6 00
Albert Hobart, services in attendance at court . .	2 00
Salmon F. Jenkins, cash paid horse hire and ex- penses	17 00
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	\$336 50

POLICE OFFICERS.

John Kelley, services as police officer . . .	\$11 25
John Kelley, services as truant officer . . .	2 00
G. D. Whittaker, services as police officer . . .	3 00
G. D. Whittaker, services as truant officer . . .	6 50
Henry A. Monk, services as police officer . . .	6 00
J. W. Chick, services as police officer . . .	3 00

Munroe Belcher, services as police officer . . .	\$3 00
James L. Hunter, services as police officer . . .	3 00
Albert Hobart, services as police officer . . .	3 00
Thomas Fallon, services as police officer . . .	2 00
Isaac Porter, services as police officer . . .	2 00
Thomas B. Vinton, services as police officer . . .	2 00
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	\$46 75

TOWN OFFICERS.

David H. Bates, treasurer	\$200 00
Samuel A. Bates, town clerk	35 00
S. W. Hollis, selectman and assessor	250 00
A. O. Clark, selectman and assessor	325 00
A. J. Bates, selectman and assessor	325 00
T. H. Dearing, services as school committee	50 00
George H. Arnold, services and expenses as school committee	50 75
Samuel A. Bates, services as school committee, and clerk of same	75 00
Henry A. Johnson, services as school committee	50 00
C. N. Wallace, services as school committee	12 50
George H. Arnold, services as road commissioner	94 50
A. O. Clark, services as road commissioner	140 00
Joseph A. Arnold, auditor	15 00
Eben Denton, auditor	13 50
G. D. Whittaker, services as constable	11 00
Thomas Penniman, services as constable	2 50
Thomas Fallon, services as constable	3 00
Henry A. Monk, services as constable	3 00
John Kelley, services as constable	1 50
T. B. Vinton, services as constable	1 00
John M. Beals, services as auditor	15 00
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	\$1,673 25

STATE AID (CHAP. 301).

Cash paid families of soldiers from Feb. 1, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884, bills sent and due	\$1,313 50
Cash for January, 1883, bills sent and due	108 25
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	\$1,421 75

MILITARY AID (CHAP. 282, STAT. OF 1879).

Cash paid soldiers from Feb. 1, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884: —	
Symms G. Baker	\$144 00
Samuel E. Whitmarsh	144 00
Jacob C. Snow	94 90

James M. Willis	\$80 00
Patrick Newman	76 00
George B. Jones	72 00
John Flood	48 00
Edward Huff	36 00
Benjamin F. Spear	34 00
Chandler Cox	12 00
Williams M. Tirrell	9 00
George F. Penniman	4 00

\$753 90

Due from State	\$376 95
Due from the State for the month of January, 1883	41 00

\$417 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid bills approved by engineers as follows : —

UNION ENGINE No. 1.

Paid Albert Hobart, drawing engine to fires	\$15 00
Hall Rubber Company, 200 feet hose	190 00
Robert Gillispe, repairs on engine	9 00
William Orr, services as steward	35 01
Joseph I. Bates & Son, lantern, lamp, chimney, etc.	5 19
William Bowditch, lantern, oil, etc.	5 30
William Bowditch, refreshments	6 35
John Taylor, refreshments	16 14
John Taylor, oil	1 54
Claus Ahlf, repairs on engine	10 65
John M. Walsh, repairs on engine	10 50
Thomas South, iron work	29 75
Asa T. Pratt, labor on house	5 50
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber and nails	11 55
Robert Brooks, setting glass	1 50
Joseph M. Allen, drawing engine to fires	34 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal	11 00
Ralph Houghton, repairs on Independence en- gine	7 15
Hunneman & Co., repairs on Independence en- gine	8 50
Hunneman & Co., repairs on Union engine	5 75
David A. Bates, town treasurer, pay of 43 men	430 00

\$849 38

BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.

Paid George Mansfield, sawing and splitting wood .	\$1 50
E. M. Thayer, leathering and packing Butcher Boy and Independence	15 00
Hall Bubber Co., 200 feet hose	190 00
Edward Shay, iron work	3 50
George W. Simmons & Son, 3 fire hats	11 25
C. G. Anderson, wood and iron work on Independence	5 50
H. H. Thayer, repairs on Butcher Boy	8 75
H. H. Thayer, repairs on Independence	1 00
Moses T. Dyer, drawing Independence to and from Randolph	5 00
W. A. Ross, for leather	45
Thomas Penniman, labor and lumber on platform	8 25
Hunneman & Co., repairs	10 75
H. B. Whitman, straps and repairs on hose	2 75
M. L. Tupper, coal	3 38
Barnard Purcell, steward	35 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., refreshments	17 62
P. D. Holbrook & Co., chimney, oil, hardware, etc.	11 79
C. B. Woodsum, drawing engine to fires	70 00
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	3 85
David H. Bates, town treasurer, pay of 42 men	420 00
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	\$825 34

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER.

Paid J. H. Macandrew, setting glass	\$2 50
J. H. Macandrew, paint and labor on house	12 00
J. H. Macandrew, services as steward	25 00
J. H. Macandrew, refreshments	60
John Cavanagh, raising and underpinning house	60 00
C. G. Anderson, fire pole and iron work	3 50
O. M. Rogers, stove pipe and cleaning stove	1 85
N. R. Proctor, refreshments	5 94
J. W. Dorety, drawing truck to fires	40 00
David H. Bates, town treasurer, pay of 25 men	250 00
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	\$401 39

ENGINEERS.

Paid William M. Richards, services to May 1, 1883	\$2 50
William M. Richards, clearing snow from reser- voir	4 50
B. J. Loring, Jr., services as engineer to May 1, 1883,	2 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., services as committee buying hose,	3 50

Paid Thomas Penniman, services as engineer to May 1, 1883	\$2 50
Thomas Penniman, services as committee, and use of horse and carriage	5 00
George Sumner, services as engineer to May 1, 1883	2 50
George Sumner, services and expenses on committee	6 20
John Kelley, services as engineer to May 1, 1883,	2 50
David H. B. Thayer, horse hire	4 00
Green & Prescott, advertising signal lanterns	1 00
Green & Prescott, 100 postals and printing	2 00
Town of Randolph, use of steamer, and expenses, at fire at Methodist Church	79 59
Albert Hobart, services as engineer to May 1, 1883	2 50
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	\$120 29

PAINTING ENGINES AND HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK.

Appropriation	\$125 00
Andrew B. Flinn, painting Butcher Boy	\$75 00
J. M. Walsh, varnishing Union,	25 00
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	\$100 00

WATCHING FIRES.

John Malvena	\$2 00
Dennis Griffin	2 00
F. O. Whitmarsh	3 75
E. A. Newton	1 50
Luke Mulligan	1 50
Edward Bannon	4 00
Thomas Finnegan	4 00
Thomas Briody	2 00
James Conley	2 00
S. E. Whitmarsh	2 00
Isaac N. Dyer	2 00
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	\$26 75

REPAIRS OF TOWN PUMPS AND GRADING AROUND WELLS.

Joseph I. Bates & Son, repairing pump, north well	\$10 50
Wales Bros., repairs on pump, north well	3 00
George Hill, grading around north well	3 00
George Hill, 5 loads gravel	50
Sanborn & Damon, repairs on pump, north well	1 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., dipper and chain, south well,	50

C. G. Anderson, pump handle	\$2 00
Wales Bros., repairs on pump, south well	3 00
Smith & Co., iron cover to well, south well	5 00
Andrew Dyer, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and team, grading south well, .	1 62
Andrew Dyer, 4 loads gravel, south well	40
T. F. Finnegan, $\frac{1}{2}$ day self and team, grading south well, .	1 62
Edward Hobart, 4 loads gravel	48
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	\$32 62

BUILDING RESERVOIR ON HOBART STREET.

Paid J. L. Hunter, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$2.50 per day, .	\$43 75
J. L. Hunter, $18\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, horse and cart, at \$1.50 per day	27 75
George C. Buker, 17 day's work, at \$1.50 per day, .	25 50
Michael Bentley, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50 per day, .	24 75
Thomas Arthurs, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50 per day, .	17 25
Peter Lawson, 14 days' work, at \$1.50 per day, .	21 00
Edward Starr, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50 per day, .	18 75
James Wall, 8 days' work, at \$1 25 per day	10 00
William Allen, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$2.75 per day, .	10 31
William Allen, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days' work for man, at \$2.00 per day	7 50
William Allen, for use of derrick, 3 days, at 75c. per day	2 25
William Allen, for powder and fuse	25
Jerry Decosta, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50 per day, .	6 75
W. J. Jordan, sharpening tools, etc.	9 99
Charles C. Webster, labor and material, as per contract	210 74
Thomas South for labor and cash paid sundry bills for filling reservoir	23 50
Jenkins Manufacturing Company, steam power for filling reservoir	10 00
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	\$470 04

QUINCY AVENUE DRAWBRIDGE.

Albert Hobart, for 35 days' work, at \$3.00, .	\$105 00
William Allen, for $34\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at \$2.75, .	\$94 19
William Allen, cash for bolts and nails, .	99
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Judah Loring, for lighting lanterns, etc., .	\$5 00
Judah Loring, for $27\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$2.50, .	69 37
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J. S. Whittaker, for $24\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	\$36 75
Louis Pitts, for 12 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	18 00
A. N. White, for 5 days' work, at \$2.25	.	.	11 25
John Malony, for $23\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	34 88
J. Decost, for 3 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	4 50
John F. Sheehan, for $15\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	23 25
Thos. P. Flogg, for 2 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	3 00
William Bishop, for $53\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	80 63
Stephen Maloney, for $21\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	31 88
Michael Quinn, for $6\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	10 13
Luke Levangie, for 5 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	7 50
Thomas O'Brien, for 1 day's work, at \$1.50	.	.	1 50
S. E. Whitmarsh, for paint and labor	.	\$7 75	
S. E. Whitmarsh, for $62\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1 50	.	.	94 13
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F. O. Whitmarsh, for $1\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	1 88
James Preston, for 19 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	28 50
Peter Lawson, for $15\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	23 63
Geo. C. Buker, for $6\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	9 75
Thomas Arthurs, for 7 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	10 50
Michael Bentley, for 1 day's work, at \$1.50	.	.	1 50
E. W. Mason, for 3 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	4 50
John Bates, for 13 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	19 50
Patrick Doherty, for $4\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at \$1.00	.	.	4 25
Jesse Burrell, for lighting	.	.	5 00
Jos. I. Bates, for services selling old bridge	.	.	7 25
B. J. Loring, Jr., for $5\frac{1}{10}$ days' work, at \$2.50	.	.	12 75
Geo. E. Fogg, for 5 days' work, self and 2 horses, at \$5.00	.	.	25 00
J. M. Allen, for 7 days' work, self and 2 horses, at \$5.00	.	.	35 00
Luther Thayer, for 3 days' work, self and 1 horse, at \$3.00	.	\$9 00	
Luther Thayer, for 7 loads of stone, at 30c.,		2 10	
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J. B. Allen, for 3 days' work, horse and cart, at \$1.50,			4 50
J. L. Hunter, for 1 day's work, man and horse, at \$3.00	.	.	3 00
Town's team, for 42 days' work, at \$1.50	.	.	63 00
John Kelley, for 7 hours' work, at 50c.	.	.	3 50
Joshua Phillips, for $67\frac{1}{2}$ days', sloop and crew, at \$14.00	.	.	945 00
Joel F. Sheppard, for $21\frac{1}{2}$ days of man and 2 horses, at \$5.00	.	\$12 50	
Joel F. Sheppard, for 2 days of man and 1 horse, at \$3.00	.	.	6 00

Joel F. Sheppard, for $7\frac{3}{4}$ days of 1 horse, at \$1.50	\$11 63	
John F. Sheppard, for $\frac{1}{2}$ day of man, at \$1.50	75	
Joel F. Sheppard, for carting stone from Quincy	1 50	
Joel F. Sheppard, for carting 165 loads stone, at 30c.	49 50	
Joel F. Sheppard, for 12 posts, at 35c.	4 20	
Joel F. Sheppard, for derrick $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, at 1.00	7 50	
Joel F. Sheppard, for derrick 31 days, at 75c.	23 25	
	<hr/>	\$116 83
Thomas South, for iron work and stock		59 40
W. I. Jordan, for iron work and stock		14 90
A. T. Stearns, for planing lumber		3 96
Waldo Bros., for cement		2 00
Conant & Newhall, for 25 circulars (print- ing)		75
Caleb Stetson, for 216 loads of stone, at 30c.	\$64 80	
Caleb Stetson, for 105 loads of gravel at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c	13 13	
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Loud & Pratt, for lumber, nails, and cart- ing		25 93
S. W. Pratt, for drain pipe and lead		5 07
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, for 200 blanks		1 06
Pratt, Warren & Co., for 6 pairs hip rubber boots, at \$4.00		24 00
William Bowditch, for shovel, lanterns, and oil		9 89
Quincy Pink Granite Company, table for drawbridge	\$545 00	
Quincy Pink Granite Company, stone and labor	227 73	
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Boston Bridge Works, for iron drawbridge		4,585 00
John E. Cheney, for services as consulting engineer		163 60
Whitman & Breck, for services as surveyors and civil engineers		275 00
D. H. B. Thayer, horse hire by committee		1 00
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		\$7,597 86

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By sale of old bridge, etc. (see treasurer's account) . . . \$54 00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REBUILDING DRAW-BRIDGE.

To the citizens of Braintree:

At a town meeting, called for the purpose, April 23, 1883, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the moderator to procure plans, specifications, and estimates of cost of rebuilding Quincy Avenue bridge over Monatiquot River with iron or other materials, and present the same to a future meeting, to be called by the selectmen on petition of the committee; previous to which meeting said plans and specifications should have been submitted to the Harbor and Land Commissioners, and by them approved, as provided by law. The moderator appointed Eben Denton, James T. Stevens, Joel F. Sheppard, S. Worcester Hollis, and G. H. Arnold said committee.

The above action of the town was in accordance with the Act of the Legislature, approved Feb. 21, 1882, which was as follows (*vide* Chap. 31, Acts of 1882): "Be it enacted, etc. The town of Braintree is hereby directed to rebuild the bridge over the Monatiquot River in said town within three years from the passage of this act, with a draw therein not less than thirty-six feet wide; the plans of such bridge and the rebuilding thereof, with all its attachments, to be first approved by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners."

April 30. The committee organized by the choice of E. Denton, chairman, and G. H. Arnold, secretary.

May 4. Committee met at bridge with the Harbor and Land Commissioners, represented by Mr. Nye and Engineer Koppman, and received important suggestions.

May 25. Committee met at bridge with Mr. Breck, of the firm of Whitman & Breck, civil engineers, etc., 85 Devonshire Street, Boston, and instructed him to draw plans and make estimates of cost of both a wooden and an iron bridge.

July 17. The committee made a report of their doings to a legal meeting of the town, which was adopted, and the same committee was instructed to attend to the building of the bridge.

July 24. The committee authorized its chairman to employ Mr. John E. Cheney of Boston as consulting engineer, and also to proceed to get proposals for the construction of the bridge.

Aug. 21. The several bids received were opened by the committee and the accompanying plans were submitted to Mr. Cheney for examination. After some amendments and alterations demanded by Mr. Cheney, the plans submitted by Mr. D. H. Andrews, of the Boston Bridge Works, were adopted and the contract awarded to the company for the sum of \$4,585.

Sept. 10. The road was closed and excavations back of the old abutments commenced under the supervision of Mr. Albert Hobart.

The stone work (relaying of abutments and pier) was mostly done by Capt. Joshua Phillips of Weymouth, he furnishing his own services and that of his sloop, two men, and all necessary tools and equipments at \$14.00 per day.

Oct. 3. The contract for furnishing and putting in place the top of the stone pier was awarded to the Quincy Pink Granite Company at their bid, \$545. The work was done promptly and to the satisfaction of all parties interested, the bridge builder, committee, and engineers.

Dec. 1. The contract for building the side piers was awarded to F. G. Whitcomb, 35 Hawley Street, Boston, for the sum of \$1,345. This job is well advanced, but the accumulation of ice has, at the time of writing this report, prevented its completion. This fact, however, does not incommode the travelling public, and there will be ample time to finish before the opening of navigation; but it prevents the committee from closing up accounts and making a final report, as it would have preferred doing, and also compels the request for a continuation of the appropriation beyond the annual meeting. The total cost will be well within the estimates, for items of which see accompanying table.

The bridge and its approaches are ready for use, and the committee respectfully invite the inspection of their fellow-citizens. The quality of the iron structure is best indicated by the following certificate: —

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 19, 1884.

*To the Committee on Monatiquot River Bridge,
Braintree, Mass.:*

GENTLEMEN, — The Monatiquot River drawbridge has been completed in accordance with the specifications and contract and to my satisfaction.

It is well designed and constructed, and is believed to be a first-class structure for the duty required of it.

Yours respectfully,

[COPY]

JOHN E. CHENEY,
Consulting Engineer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the committee,

G. H. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND REPORT.

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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1883	\$71 47
Dividend from Weymouth National Bank	84 00
“ “ Quincy	“	“	.	.	.	60 00
“ “ Elliott	“	“	.	.	.	18 00
Taxes refunded	46 37
Rent of farm	200 00
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						\$479 84

Dr.

To cash paid insurance policy	.	.	.	\$28 12	
David H. Bates, treasurer	.	.	.	300 00	
Cash on hand	.	.	.	151 72	
				<hr/>	\$479 84

JOSEPH DYER,

Treasurer of School Fund.

NEW ALMSHOUSE AND LAND.

Appropriation	\$12,000 00
Howard M. Hobart, adm'r of estate of N. M. Hobart for land	\$1,000 00
Augustus Russ, professional services securing title	50 00
William R. Penniman, sundry bills for excavating cellar	72 20
Whitman & Breck, surveying lot	15 00
Albert Hobart, building cellar wall	131 25
William R. Penniman, services as superintendent	100 00
George D. Willis, cash paid sundry bills for labor on cellar and digging well	487 62
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., steel for drills	9 30
H. H. Thayer, making drills	1 50
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	1 90
Charles Wilson, stone steps	78 75
Patrick Moils, labor of self, boy, and team	10 00
L. M. Ham & Co., iron work as per contract	166 25
Keaney Bros., for plumbing	629 54
Exeter Machine Works, heating apparatus	865 46
Thomas Huson, labor of self and boy	10 50

Albert Hobart, labor of self, man, and horse,	\$32 75
Albert Hobart, blasting, blacksmith work, and use of tools	16 65
Albert Hobart, use of derrick 93 days, at 50c.	46 50
Martin L. Tupper, on contract	7,410 00
Martin L. Tupper, sundry articles	46 50
	<hr/> \$11,181 67

HIGHWAYS.

J. L. Hunter, 6 days' labor, at \$2.00	\$12 00
J. L. Hunter, to board of horse	15 00
J. L. Hunter, 67 days' labor, at \$2.50	167 50
J. L. Hunter, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, man, at \$1.50	5 25
J. L. Hunter, 90 days, team, at \$1.50	135 00
Andrew Dyer, 70 days as engineer, at \$2.00	140 00
Andrew Dyer, $76\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.75	134 40
Andrew Dyer, 211 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	21 10
Andrew Dyer, fare to Boston	60
Andrew Dyer, $118\frac{23}{60}$ days, team at \$1.50	177 55
Thomas F. Finnegan, $9\frac{3}{10}$ days, self, at \$1.50	13 95
Thomas F. Finnegan, $164\frac{9}{20}$ days, self, at \$1.75	287 79
Thomas F. Finnegan, 1 day, man, at \$1 50	1 50
Thomas F. Finnegan, $172\frac{1}{4}$ days, team, at \$1.50	258 35
Thomas F. Finnegan, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood	3 00
George E. Fogg, 4 days, man and 2 horses, at \$4.50	18 00
George E. Fogg, $53\frac{1}{2}$ days, man and 2 horses, at \$5.00	267 50
Joseph M. Allen, $26\frac{1}{4}$ days, man and 2 horses, at \$5.00	131 25
Michael Preston, 3 days, man and horse, at \$1.50	4 50
Michael Preston, 17 days, team and horse, at \$1.50	25 50
James Preston, 26 days, self and team, at \$3.00	78 00
James Preston, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self, at \$1.50	75
Thomas Arthurs, $22\frac{1}{4}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	66 75
Thomas Arthurs, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, self, at \$1.50	9 75

George Hill, 47½ days, self and team, at \$3.00	\$142 50
George Hill, 2½ days, man, at \$1.50	3 75
Michael Brandley, 8½ days, self and team, at \$3.00	25 50
Michael Brandley, 2 days, boy and team, at \$2.50	5 00
Michael Brandley, to labor of self and team	2 75
Andrew Gott, 29¾ days, self and team, at \$3.00	89 25
Patrick Moils, 40½ days, self and team, at \$3.00	121 50
Patrick Moils, 3 days, team, at \$1.50	4 50
James Genders, 22 ⁷ / ₁₀ days, self and team, at \$3.00	67 05
James Genders, 2 days, self, at \$1.50	3 00
Timothy E. Sullivan, 27½ days, self and team, at \$3.00	81 60
S. W. Hollis, 26½ days, man and team, at \$3.00	79 50
S. W. Hollis, 1½ days, team, at \$1.50	2 25
John Kelley, 133 ² / ₁₀ days, self, at \$1.50	199 80
John Kelley, 10½ days self, at \$1.75	18 37
John Kelley, 33½ days, team, at \$1.50	50 25
Jerry White, 53 days, self, at \$1.50	79 50
Jerry White, 44 days, team, at \$1.50	66 00
Jerry White, 8 loads of stone, at 25 cents	2 00
Jerry White, care of lantern	1 60
J. Frederic Allen, 10 days, self and team, \$3.00	30 00
Maurice Gurney, 13½ days, self, \$1.75	23 63
Maurice Gurney, 46 days, self, \$1.50	69 00
Maurice Gurney, 13 days, team, \$1.50	19 50
George C. Buker, 94 days, self, \$1.50	141 00
George C. Buker, 4½ days, team, \$1.50	6 75
Charles J. Craibe, 8½ days, man and two horses, \$5.00	42 50
Charles J. Craibe, 5½ days, man, team, \$3.00	16 50
Charles J. Craibe, 3 days, self, at \$1.50	4 50
Charles J. Craibe, 1 day, self, at \$2.00	2 00
Charles J. Craibe, ½ day, boy, at \$1 00	50
Peter W. Dyer, 1 ³ / ₁₀ days, man and team, \$3.00	3 90
Everett Harris, 5 days, self, at \$1.50.	7 50
Everett Harris, 4 days, self and team, \$3.00	12 00
Everett Harris, 130 loads stone, at 15 cents,	19 50

Peter Mooney, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self, at \$1.50 . . .	\$0 75
G. D. Whitaker, $7\frac{8}{10}$ days, self, at \$1.50 . . .	11 75
G. D. Whittaker, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, self, at \$2.00 . . .	3 00
George E. Arnold, $156\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	235 05
Elmer E. Dyer, $81\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.50 . . .	121 73
Elmer E. Dyer, 4 days, at \$1.75 . . .	7 00
Gilbert W. Bowditch, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	2 25
Calvin Cromwell, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	8 25
Michael Bentley, $73\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	110 25
Robert Knight, 5 days, at \$1.50 . . .	7 50
Luke Mulligan, $28\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	42 72
Peter Lowson, $79\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	119 25
Peter Lowson, care of lantern . . .	2 00
Edward Starr, $30\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75 . . .	53 38
Edward Starr, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	26 25
John Bates, $8\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	13 28
George D. Newcomb, 68 days, at \$1.50 . . .	102 00
John Rennie, $82\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	123 45
William A. Hollis, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	8 25
Michael O'Brien, 30 days, at \$1.50 . . .	45 00
Michael O'Brien, 26 days, at \$1.75 . . .	45 50
James Wall, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25. . .	14 38
James Wall, 3 days, at \$1.00 . . .	3 00
Maurice Dowd, 2 days, at \$1.50. . .	3 00
Patrick Hinnegan, 1 day, at \$1.50 . . .	1 50
Patrick McCormick, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	9 75
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor and nails . . .	3 85
Darius A. Holbrook, 10 days, at \$1.50 . . .	15 00
Thomas Miller, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	6 75
Anthony Mullen, 18 days, at \$1.50 . . .	27 00
Josiah Holbrook, $148\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	223 43
John C. Holbrook, $133\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	200 48
John Sheehan, 91 days, at \$1.50 . . .	136 50
John Sheehan, 8 days, at \$1.75 . . .	14 00
Timothy O'Keefe, $90\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	135 52
John Maher, $127\frac{4}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	191 10
William Gorman, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	11 25
John Flannagan, $17\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	25 88
William H. Spear, $29\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25 . . .	36 88
Michael McKilliget, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	17 25
Albert W. Dyer, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	6 75
Martin Connors, $18\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	27 75
John Finnegan, $28\frac{8}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	43 20
Judah A. Loring, $1\frac{4}{10}$ days, at \$2.50 . . .	3 50
Judah A. Loring, powder, etc. . . .	35
A. J. Bates, 1 day, at \$2.00 . . .	2 00
John S. Whittaker, $53\frac{8}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	80 70

John S. Whittaker, 7½ days, at \$1.75	\$13 13
John F. Sullivan, 36 ¹ / ₁₀ days, at \$1.50	54 15
William A. Allen, 3 days, self, at \$2.75	8 25
William A. Allen, 3 days, man, \$2.00	6 00
William A. Allen, sharpening tools	28
Thomas Penniman, self, building fence	8 86
Thomas Penniman, man, building fence	6 18
H. Dearing, care of lantern	1 00
Louis H. Thayer, ½ day at reservoir	1 00
Hayward Bros., boxing belt at crusher	2 91
J. H. Macandrew, painting roller	2 10
Horace Abercrombie, for drain pipe	6 46
Portland Storeware Company, for drain pipe and tile	81 06
Walworth Manufacturing Company, find- ings for engine	7 34
Joseph Breck & Son, tools	15 71
Dodge & Gilbert, tools	13 66
Chandler & Farquhar, tools	45
Goodnow & Wightman, tools	1 90
S. M. Spencer, stencil	1 90
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, books	1 69
H. H. Thayer, blacksmith work	15 38
W. J. Jordan, blacksmith work	14 90
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work	73 95
C. F. Veazie, blacksmith work	2 91
Edward Shay, blacksmith work	4 90
Thomas South, blacksmith work	4 50
William H. Cobb, elevator	28 50
Badger Bros., shaft for roller	9 34
Farrel Foundry and Machine Co., jaw plates and cheeks	108 94
South Boston Iron Works, jaw plates and repairs on jaw	80 15
O. C. R. R., freight on castings and drain pipe	10 96
G. H. Arnold, carting 135 loads of stone, at 25 cents	33 75
G. H. Arnold, tools, repairs, etc.	7 46
G. H. Arnold, paid sundry bills	1 32
J. W. Dorety, carting 31 loads of stone, at 25 cents	7 75
J. W. Dorety, board of horses	193 00
N. Allen Penniman, care of horses	7 00
Ambler & Hobart, grain for horses	22 92
J. F. Sheppard, hay for horses	17 81
J. F. Sheppard, board of horses	18 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal	152 92

J. F. Sheppard, use of derrick . . .	\$2 25
J. B. Rhines, for lumber, etc. . . .	129 11
B. Johnson, for lumber	3 42
Morss & Whyte, for screen	4 50
Joseph Dyer, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood	2 75
Joseph Dyer, for posts	7 44
T. J. Nash, for posts	4 00
D. W. Teele, 45 loads of stone, at 5 cents	2 15
David Thayer, 2d, 2 days' work, at \$1.50 .	3 00
David Thayer, 172 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	10 32
Caleb Stetson, 219 loads of gravel, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents	27 38
Caleb Stetson, 110 loads of gravel, at 15 cents	16 50
Asa French, 65 loads of gravel, at 12 cents,	7 80
Samuel A. Bates, 135 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	13 50
Silas M. Jones, 110 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	8 80
Eli A. Hayden, 268 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	16 08
Hiram A. French, 65 loads of gravel, at 6 cents	3 90
A. S. Morrison, 101 loads of gravel, at 8 cents	8 08
E. A. Hollingsworth, 249 loads of gravel, at 12 cents	29 88
Edward Hobart, 51 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	5 10
Francis Lebin, 25 loads of gravel, at 10 cents	2 50
Calvin French, 81 loads of gravel at 12 cents	9 72
I. F. Vinton, 14 loads of gravel, at 6 cents,	84
Charles Wilson, 1,100 paving blocks . . .	17 60
C. G. Anderson, 12 signboards, \$7.80 filing saw, at 25c.	8 05
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	12 05
A. C. Drinkwater, side of lace leather . .	3 75
O. A. Peabody, horse findings	9 05
H. B. Whitman, sweat pad and repairs on harness	2 85
J. M. Walsh, repairs on harness	1 95
Braintree Clothing Store, pair blankets, etc.	3 70
H. M. White, powder	35
P. D. Holbrook & Co., tools and supplies for engine and crusher	32 86

J. M. Arnold, supplies for engine and crusher	\$3 35
A. O. Clark, cash paid for tools and supplies	5 67
M. Williams, superintendent of almshouse, board of horses	30 00

\$7,219 44

Total cost of highways and reservoir at Little Pond	\$7,249 44
Cost of reservoir at Little Pond	65 50
Total for highways	\$7,183 94

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By labor of horses removing snow	\$17 60
By labor of horses at drawbridge	63 00
By 38 loads of fine crushed stone on town lands	15 20
By 80 loads of gutter cleaning on town lands	20 00
By sale of old iron	7 12
Due from South Boston Iron Works, for old iron	\$24 37
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	\$147 29
M. Williams, labor of men and team on Town Street	\$24 75

Of the above the sums expended for labor and gravel were distributed as follows : —

	Stone Roads.	Repairs.	Sidewalks.
On Shaw street	\$575 56	\$151 59	\$14 25
Elm street	111 03	9 75	75
Middle street	112 45	19 13	24 29
River street	253 30	29 73	47 38
Adams street	46 98		340 84
Quincy avenue	137 00	28 97	
Cedar street	70 01	74 00	8 50
Union street	63 50	93 72	58 81
Washington street	1,814 52	139 80	158 68
Allen street		130 63	8 75
Front street		11 50	50 25
Commercial street		118 00	20 00
Taylor street		28 75	30 58
Central avenue		47 90	21 68
Franklin street		22 02	22 15
Pond street		111 09	61 64

	Repairs.	Sidewalks.
Hancock street	\$66 41	\$45 79
Hobart street		12 25
Mill lane	26 00	
Howard and Hayward streets . .	22 50	
West street	90 52	
Granite street	300 00	
Liberty street	96 97	
Depot street	12 50	
School street	4 50	
Grove street	4 59	
Peach street	75	
Picking stone and cleaning gutters . .	334 50	
Sidewalks		\$926 59
General repairs		1,975 82
Total stone road		3,184 35
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		\$6,085 76
Miscellaneous expenses		1,097 18
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		\$7,183 94

It would be nearly impossible to locate every dollar of the miscellaneous expenditures, but probably nine tenths of it are fairly chargeable to the stone roads, and may be divided among the jobs *pro rata*.

The keeping of the town's horses cost \$303.70, and they have earned \$510 on the highways, in addition to work removing snow and on the drawbridge.

We have examined the accounts of the Road Commissioners, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all payments made.

JOHN M. BEALS.
ALVERDO MASON.
EBEN DENTON.

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for schools	\$9,188 90
Incidental expenses of schools	429 93
Incidental expenses of schoolhouses	178 94
Refurnishing East Primary school-room	357 42
Painting schoolhouses	485 00
Furnishing room in Union Schoolhouse	298 06
Repairs on South Schoolhouse	86 96
Repairs on Southwest Schoolhouse	103 50
Almshouse	2,250 27
Poor out of almshouse	3,719 25

Hospitals	\$286 21
Public library	450 00
Grand Army of the Republic	150 00
Highways	7,208 69
Drawbridge	120 27
Drawbridge (new)	7,997 86
Almshouse (new)	11,181 67
Removing snow	418 43
Incidental expenses	1,479 61
Town Hall	346 10
Janitor	600 60
Lighting and ventilating Town Hall	1,329 74
Abatement and collection of taxes	521 47
For the enforcement of laws	336 50
Police	46 75
Town officers	1,673 25
State aid, Chap. 301	1,313 50
State aid, Chap. 252	753 90
Fire Department, Union, No. 1	849 38
Fire Department, Butcher Boy, No. 2	825 34
Fire Department, hook and ladder	401 39
Engineers, including bill of town of Randolph for steamer	120 29
Watching fires	26 75
Painting engines	100 00
Town lands	307 85
Reservoir, Hobart Street	470 04
Reservoir, Little Pond	65 50
Town pumps	32 62
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	\$56,511 94
689 orders drawn for	\$56,511 94

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all payments made.

JOHN M. BEALS.
ALVERDO MASON.
EBEN DENTON.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRAINTREE :

The Road Commissioners of the town respectfully submit their first annual report.

The inauguration of a new system is usually attended by some degree of friction. Mistakes are made less from theoretical defects than from practical inexperience. The history of the management of the town's roads for the past three years has proved no exception to this rule. Yet, while plans adopted experimentally have at times proved faulty, — adding more to cost than to quality, — we believe that the condition of its highways already indicates that when, by the purchase of the crusher, the town expressed its desire for more thorough work, it took a step in the right direction. The change in supervision naturally came next in order as a remedy for inexperience, and because only by the entire control of the funds appropriated could the machinery be worked effectively, and the general interests of the town be best subserved.

Our experience the past year has confirmed us in the opinion that the close and unremitting attention to details, which is desirable, requires the services of a capable roadmaster or superintendent, whose whole time shall be devoted to the care of the roads, who shall have the management of the men and teams, care of tools, the keeping of time books and other accounts, make frequent reports to the commissioners, and in all things act as their executive officer. To enable him to work to advantage, the headquarters of the department should be so centrally located that all parts of the town would be equally accessible and under his supervision. It is hoped that the new almshouse, so admirably situated for this purpose, will have accommodations for supplying this first great need of the department.

In the more important and expensive equipments of the highways, the wisdom of the town in previous years leaves little to be desired, except, perhaps, a watering-cart or sprinkler, to be used in dry times in the construction and preservation of our stone roads. It might also be utilized by the town, or by private subscription, as in many towns, on streets which our funds might not allow us to sprinkle, however desirable or even profitable it might seem.

The crusher and roller, in spite of wear and breakages, are in good repair, and a liberal supply of "extras" on hand. Stone, of which some hundreds of tons are already piled around the crusher, can still be obtained within convenient distance in quantity sufficient to keep it running for a large part of the season. This is fortunate, as it is desirable to continue the stone road to the Quincy line, and also to complete Adams Street, which, from its nearness to the crusher, can be very cheaply done if the material holds out.

As a matter of fact, the broken stone has as yet been used more for the construction of new roads on top of old ones than for legitimate repairs, and we are satisfied that when our heaviest-travelled thoroughfares are once "reconstructed," repairs with this valuable material will be found quite within the means of the town on many of the less important streets.

There is little doubt in the minds of the commissioners that if suitable drainage can be secured a much less thickness of material will answer the purpose, and prove much cheaper than attempting to bridge over or control the powers of frost and water by mere weight and quantity. In the spring we purchased a thousand pieces of three-inch land tile, and used most of it in three miry places, which have existed as annual nuisances and subjects of complaint since the roads were built. Where there is sufficient fall, we think this plan may suffice, and we shall watch this experiment closely. On long level roads built on a substratum of wet clay, like Washington Street, something more expensive will doubtless be required, and we shall make it a subject of earnest consideration.

Another important question is the form of the cross-section. Many of our otherwise best roads are too convex, and when this is the case, teams, to preserve their equilibrium, must keep directly in the middle, and thus ruts are worn, which hold water and soften the road; or, if driven on either side, the sliding motion is very destructive to wagon tires and to the road material, as well as irritating to the temper of horse and driver. If the road can be made impervious to water, there is no doubt but that a very slight elevation in the middle, falling away in two inclined planes towards the sides, is better than a convex form. We read of such roads in Sweden, which appear perfectly level to the eye, yet hold no water and are never worn in ruts, because teams go on all parts with equal ease.

During the past season 63 rods of stone road were made on the the south end of Shaw Street, at an expense of \$575.56. By the expenditure of about \$500 next year on the north end, where the road is low and narrow, a local grievance will be removed and a good outlet toward the city provided for the east village.

On Quincy Avenue 30 rods of stone road were made by material from Quincy, at a cost of \$137.

17½	rods of underdrained stone road on Elm Street, cost	\$111 03
8	" " " " Union "	63 50
18	" " " " Middle "	112 45
8	" road on Adams Street, cost	46 98
52	" " River "	253 30
102	" " Wash'ton "	1,814 52
8	" " Cedar "	70 01

Average cost of all, \$10.47+ per rod.

Difference in the distance which the material had to be carted and the width and thickness of its application made the difference in cost. Including the screenings used on sidewalks and for finishing off the stone roads, over 4,000 tons of broken stone were carted from under the crusher.

The liberal appropriation for sidewalks enabled us, besides the numerous repairs shown in the accompanying schedule, to build a new walk on Adams Street, 90 rods long, costing \$340.84, and another on Washington Street (Dyer's Hill), 60 rods, at a cost of \$116.80.

The appropriation for general repairs was mostly distributed over those parts of the town receiving the least direct benefit from the stone road grant. For particulars see schedule. This appropriation (\$2,000), out of which must come the picking of stone on all the highways in town (costing last year \$300), building and repairing of railings, clearing gutters and culverts, and in fact keeping three fourths of the town roads passable and safe, seems somewhat out of proportion when compared with that of sidewalks, and we suggest that the two be united and the division of expenditure be left to the discretion of the commissioners.

We believe the aggregate of appropriations for the highways (\$7,000) was a very liberal sum and a sufficient tax upon the resources of the town, and do not recommend any increase of the same.

Of other matters left in care of the Road Commissioners, we report as follows: The reservoir near Andrew Dyer's was completed for \$65.50, and proved its quality on the occasion of the church fire. The proposed well at Josephus Sampson's was not dug, because the sum appropriated did not attract a bid. The brick reservoir on Hobart Street was constructed for \$436.54.

The appropriation for the town lands was expended principally in setting trees, repairing horse sheds, and gravelling around the Town House. We recommend for the coming year the appropriation of a sum sufficient to place a curbstone along the line of sidewalk in front of the town lands, and also for the removal of the fence to the rear of the Common, where a fence is desired by the abutters. This would require the appropriation of \$600.

We would like an expression of opinion on the part of the town in regard to storing a quantity of dry coarse sand in summer for use on icy sidewalks in winter. This hardly comes under the head of removal of snow, but we recommend that the commissioners be authorized to do this and charge the expense to the snow account.

The guideboards at the corners of the streets have not been painted since their erection, ten years ago. We recommend an appropriation of \$100 for the purpose of repainting the old and the erection of some new boards where necessary.

A petition, signed by James A. Reynolds and others, was received, asking for the extension of Eliot Street to a point on

Commercial Street near the residence of the late Rev. Jonas Perkins. This petition received the careful consideration its merits and importance deserved. Eliot Street is peculiar in its location and necessities. From its proximity to Weymouth Landing, its land is rapidly increasing in value, and is being improved by the erection of numerous dwellings. Though yielding a constantly increasing revenue to the town in the way of taxes, its people have no legal way to their Town Hall or schools, except by passing through a neighboring town, by a circuitous route. While appreciating the situation fully, we have taken no action upon the petition, for the reason that a road nearly in the direction of the junction of Commercial Street and Quincy Avenue may be built with greater economy to the town and convenience to the school children. We also believe that the road as petitioned for may fairly be considered a county road, and that the county should at least pay the land damages, which would be likely to be heavy.

GEORGE H. ARNOLD,
JAMES L. HUNTER,
ANSEL O. CLARK,
Road Commissioners of Braintree.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BRAINTREE:

Gentlemen, — The engineers of the Braintree Fire Department respectfully submit the following report of their doings for the year ending Feb. 1, 1884.

ENGINEERS ORGANIZED MAY 2, 1883.

MARCUS A. PERKINS, *Chief.*
THOMAS SOUTH, *Clerk.*

G. D. Whittaker.

COMPANIES ORGANIZED FEB. 5, 1883.

Union No. 1, 49 men; Robert Gillespie, foreman. Butcher Boy, No. 2, 45 men; Marcus A. Perkins, foreman, who resigned May 1; John P. Mellus was chosen. Wampatuck Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 25 men; L. W. Morrison, foreman.

ENGINE HOUSES.

The several houses are in good condition, but will need painting soon.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

UNION, No 1.

One hand engine and hose carriage, 28 feet suction hose, 200 feet cotton rubber-lined hose, 200 feet leather hose, 550 feet rubber hose, 100 feet rubber-lined hose not reliable, 250 feet linen hose condemned, 8 spanner belts, 6 patent spanners, 14 old-style spanners, 2 wrenches, 3 oil-cans, 3 axes, 4 fire buckets, 3 pipes and nozzles, 1 bursted pipe, 7 fire hats, 1 patent spray nozzle, 7 lanterns, 1 signal light, 2 pails, 1 hanging lamp, 5 lamps, 6 brackets, 1 sprinkler, 9 spittoons, 3 fire ladders, 1 step ladder, 2 stoves, 1 coal-hod, 1 black-walnut table, 7 chairs, 5 collation tables, 7 horses for same, 1 dust-pan, 1 feather duster, 1 shovel, 10 settees, 1 lifting jack, 1 pole for horses, attached to machine, 1 large and small fire hook, 2 ropes, 5 army overcoats, 1 house ladder, 1 broom, 250 feet of rope in hose tower, 6 blocks, 2 straps for hose carriage, 1 sponge, 92 mugs, 48 bowls, 6 dozen spoons, 1 boiler, 2 large knives and forks, 6 pitchers, 6 waiters, 4 dish-pans, 1 mirror, 1 clock, 1 chandelier, 1 roll board, 1 ballot box, 1 cooking stove, 7 curtains, 10 pictures.

BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.

Hand engine and hose carriage, two-horse pole, 35 feet of suction hose, 600 feet rubber hose, 200 feet cotton rubber-lined hose, 200 feet leather hose, 150 feet rubber, poor, 300 feet of linen, condemned, 150 feet linen rubber-lined, poor, 5 pipes, leading hose branch, 5 nozzles, spray nozzle, crowbar, 2 axes, 12 spanners and belts, 4 buckets, 3 fire hats, 300 feet of rope in hose tower, signal lantern, 5 lanterns, 2 wrenches, 1 house ladder, rope, 6 woollen coats, 2 horse blankets, 2 wheel jacks, 3 stoves and fixtures, shovel, 8 lamps and hangers, 2 oil-cans, wash-basin, water pail, coal-hod, dust-pan, 2 brooms, iron sink, 8 picture frames, 1 mirror, feather duster, 1 box, oil-can, 1 oil brush, 1 hammer, 1 ballot box, 70 mugs, 57 bowls, $8\frac{1}{2}$ dozen spoons, 4 pitchers, 9 pickle plates, 11 salt bottles, 5 wire casters, 3 boilers, library table, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 6 spittoons, street lamp, clock, suction strainer, chandelier, marble slab and brackets, canvas covering, 7 curtains, 10 collation tables, 14 horses for same.

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER.

Carriage, 7 ladders, 6 hooks, 20 buckets, 2 fountain pumps, condemned, 2 forks, 2 axes, 2 dog hooks, 1 dog hammer, 2 lanterns, 1 pole for horses, whiffletree and chains, 1 jack, 1 wrench, 2 oil-cans, 25 badges, 11 settees, 7 chairs, 2 stoves, 2 boilers, 2 coal-hods, 2 shovels, 1 table, 7 lamps and fixtures, dust-pan, water pail, 3 brooms, feather duster, 4 spittoons, clock, ladder, mop, tubs, 2 guy ropes, dust broom, and 11 curtains.

FIRES IN THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1884.

And under this head we would call the attention of the town to the large number of fires, apparently of incendiary origin, and think that something should be done to stop this growing evil. There have been during the past year twice the number of fires that there have been in any year since the department was formed. The following is a list of fires:—

Feb. 19. House and barn on Liberty Street, occupied by Tristram Dalton. Cause unknown. No alarm.

April 22. Alarm for fire in the woods near West Street School-house. Department all out.

May 6. House belonging to N. L. White, in East Braintree. Loss \$1,000. Insurance, \$900. Butcher Boy went to the Union's house.

June 16. Dwelling-house and saw-mill situated on Granite Street. Property of the heirs of Geo. White. Totally destroyed. Loss on house \$1,500; mill, \$3,000. Insured on mill and machinery \$2,000, and house \$600. Cause incendiary. Butcher Boy and ladders were out.

July 6. House on Pond Street, owned by George E. Hayden. Loss \$200. Cause incendiary. Butcher Boy out.

July 26. House on Pond Street, owned by the heirs of J. E. Holbrook. Loss \$250; insured \$300. Cause incendiary. Butcher Boy out.

Aug. 11. Barn in East Braintree belonging to James Willis was on fire. The Union extinguished it. Damaged but little. Cause incendiary.

Aug. 16. Webbing factory in East Braintree; property of Samuel Henry. Totally destroyed. Loss \$3,000; insured \$3,000. Cause unknown. Union and ladders were out.

Aug. 28. Butcher Boy called out for a fire on the Meadows, on Union Street.

Sept. 7. Fire in the woods near Mrs. Collins, on West Street. Department all out.

Sept. 8. Barn belonging to the heirs of E. A. Hollingsworth, on Washington Street. Loss \$3,000; insured \$1,500. Cause unknown. Department all out.

Sept. 11. Barn belonging to Elijah Penniman, on Union Street. Cause incendiary. Department all out.

Sept. 12. House belonging to Mrs. Samuel Loring, in East Braintree. Loss \$200. Cause incendiary. Department all out.

Oct. 30. Hay stack on Union Street, property of George C. Hallenbeck. Loss \$30. Cause incendiary. Department all out.

Nov. 3. Barn on Granite Street, belonging to the heirs of George White. Loss \$250. Cause incendiary. Butcher Boy out.

Nov. 8. Barn on Pond Street, belonging to William Dow. Loss \$500 ; insured \$550. Cause incendiary. No alarm.

Nov. 17. Methodist Church on Washington Street, totally destroyed. Loss \$5,000 ; insured \$2,000. Cause, over-heated stove. Department all out, and steamers from Randolph and Holbrook.

Dec. 16. House and barn belonging to the heirs of Thatcher White. Loss \$2,500 ; insured \$2,100. Cause incendiary. No alarm.

M. A. PERKINS,
Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE UPON THE EXPENDITURES OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS LAWS.

Your committee find it necessary to omit in detail much that is valuable to this report, for want of space ; but as some members of this committee, who hold an official commission from the Selectmen, in connection with others, have been appealed to in several instances by some of our citizens for protection, in court and otherwise, against the violence of the law-breaking classes, also to visit families in distress during sickness and death, and various other troubles, all of which violence and distress were traceable to the liquor-selling class, which had followed this business without molestation in our town so long that they had become totally regardless of the crimes and distress chargeable to their business, we have had favorable opportunities for learning from the wives, mothers, and children that their worst troubles come through the influence of the dram-shops, which, having become formidable in numbers, were likewise bold in method.

But now having learned through their costly experience that the law is made and administered for the punishment of the vicious as well as for the protection of the innocent, they have very materially weakened in methods and diminished in numbers. Some have given up the business and moved out of town ; others have fled to parts unknown to your committee, to escape the penalties of the law, and some are now serving their time in the House of Correction.

In all cases where prosecutions for nuisance have been made, liquors have been found and seized. No moneys have been paid to, nor have any charges been made by, any member of the committee for time or services rendered by him. It is proper for us to state that Mr. Alverdo Mason has also rendered material aid by his services in the prosecution of this work free of charge ; so that bills have been approved by the committee only for expenses, legal and official services, to the present time amounting to \$336.50. The following is a list of cases carried to final con

viction and punishment, or are held on bail for appearance in the upper court on appeal from sentence in the lower court.

James McSweeney, for keeping liquor nuisance, once.

Hosea B. Hayden, for keeping liquor nuisance, once, and is under bonds for appearance at upper court, on appeal from sentence in lower court.

Catharine Conners, for keeping liquor nuisance, twice, and has moved out of town.

James F. Moran, for keeping liquor nuisance, twice.

James F. Moran, for disturbing the peace, once.

James F. Moran, for drunkenness, once.

James Ragan, for keeping liquor nuisance, once, and now a fugitive from justice.

Catharine Reardon, for keeping liquor nuisance, once, and now a fugitive from justice.

Margaret Saunderson, for keeping liquor nuisance, once.

Robert M. Loring, two seizures for keeping liquor nuisance, once and is under bonds for appearance at upper court, on appeal from sentence in lower court.

Daniel J. Horgan, for disturbing the peace, once.

Dennis Mahoney, for disturbing the peace, once.

Paul Dowd, for assault, once.

John Croke, for assault, once.

John Croke, for drunkenness, once.

Michael Doran, for drunkenness, once.

John Shehan, for drunkenness, once.

Thomas Ryan, for drunkenness, once.

Peter Mooney, for drunkenness, once.

Thomas Briody, for drunkenness, once.

George F. Thayer, for larceny, once.

Other well-founded cases of liquor nuisances have been prosecuted where convictions were not secured, owing to the denial of the truth by witnesses under oath and their suppression of facts which they had previously made known to the committee when not under oath, showing the great depravity of the patrons of the dram-shop with regard to the truth. Instances are known to the committee where children from five to twelve years of age have been habitually sent to these places for intoxicating liquors, and then have been carefully instructed how to misrepresent or deny the facts.

This one great evil alone is sufficient cause for alarm, and should enlist the attention of every lover of the truth, even were there not other and greater evils and crimes connected with the liquor traffic.

T. H. DEARING,	} Committee.
DANIEL POTTER,	
S. F. JENKINS,	

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of schools	\$8,300 00
Highways and sidewalks	7,000 00
Town officers	1,800 00
Interest on town debt	2,100 00
Support of poor	5,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Removal of snow	1,000 00
Incidental expenses of town	1,200 00
Public Library	450 00
Grand Army of the Republic	150 00
Incidental expenses of schools	300 00
" " schoolhouses	300 00
Janitor	600 00
For the enforcement of the laws	500 00
Improvement of town lands	300 00
Furnishing room in Union Schoolhouse	325 00
Repairs on South Schoolhouse	100 00
Repairs on West Schoolhouse	100 00
Painting of schoolhouses	500 00
Refurnishing East Primary school-room	350 00
Painting engines and hook and ladder truck	125 00
Lighting and ventilating Town House	1,200 00
Land for new almshouse	1,000 00
Reservoir at Little Pond	75 00
Reservoir on Hobart Street	450 00
Reservoir near Josephus Sampson's	250 00
County tax	2,147 42
State tax	2,790 00
Overlay	1,409 76
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	\$41,822 18

APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Schools	\$8,500 00	- 8,400.00
Highways and bridges	6,000 00	- 4000.00
Interest on town debt	2,800 00	- 2800.
Town officers	1,800 00	- 1800.
Support of the poor	5,000 00	- 5000.
Fire Department	2,000 00	- 2000.
Incidental expenses	1,200 00	- 1000.
Removing snow	1,000 00	- 1000.
Public Library	450 00	- 450.
Grand Army	150 00	
Incidental expenses of schools	300 00	= 300.
Incidental expenses of schoolhouses	300 00	= 300.
Janitor	600 00	= 600.
Burn & shed at Almshouse.		1000.
Repairs of shed.		300.
20,000 Bridge		10000.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE SELETCMEN :

The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library respectfully present their annual report.

The library was open during the year 280 days.

Number of volumes borrowed, 16,537.

Average per day, 59.

The largest daily issue was on March 24, 230.

The smallest daily issue was on July 30, 11.

Of books borrowed, the percentage was as follows : —

History, 4+ ; biography, 2+ ; travel, 5+ ; science, 2+ ; fiction, 62+ ; poetry, 2+ ; juvenile, 10+ ; miscellaneous, 6+ ; reference, 3+.

Whole number of volumes in the library	6,530
Number of volumes added during the year	530
Whole number of borrowers	2,574
Increase over last year	196

The trustees are pleased to note that the high standing of last year is maintained, and that the percentage taken of fiction is much less than former years. This tendency to a more solid and useful class of reading has been going on steadily year by year ; it indicates a distinct educational improvement in those who use the library.

Attention has been called to the comments and marks which appear on many of the books ; we trust that such an evil will cease. The privileges of the library will be taken from those who persist in so defacing the books.

The trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$450 by the town for the coming year.

The receipts and expenditures of the past year are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

By order of the trustees.

N. F. T. HAYDEN,
ASA FRENCH,
H. A. JOHNSON,
F. A. HOBART,
N. H. HUNT,

Board of Trustees.

FEB 1, 1884.

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1883,	\$418 06	
Town treasurer, on interest note \$10,000 .	300 00	
From librarian for fines and catalogues .	29 54	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriat for books . . .	\$571 42	
A. Williams & Co. for books . . .	3 50	
Forbes Lith. Company for printing .	8 75	
Cutter, Tower & Co. for stationery .	10 25	
Green & Prescott for printing . . .	33 50	
A. M. Arnold for microscope . . .	1 83	
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Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1884 . .		\$118 35
6 months' interest due Feb. 1, 1884, uncollected .		\$300 00

TOWN ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid T. B. Stoddard for repairs . . .	\$1 10	
A. M. Arnold for librarian one year .	300 00	
W. A. Wood & Co. for oil . . .	6 13	
J. F. Sheppard for coal . . .	113 00	
E. F. E. Thayer for insurance . . .	94 00	
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RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 1, 1883,	\$31 29	
Sale of old junk	1 75	
Town appropriation	450 00	
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Amount over-expended on town account Feb. 1, 1884		\$31 19

N. F. T. HAYDEN,
Treasurer.

JAN. 31, 1884.

Approved,

HENRY A. JOHNSON.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector for 1882.*

Balance due from collector, 1882	.	.	\$3,382	71	
Interest collected	.	.	.	90	57
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					\$3,473 28
Cash paid D. H. Bates, treas.	.	.	\$3,283	68	
Unpaid taxes, as per list	.	.	.	96	88
Cash paid D. H. Bates as interest	.	.	.	90	57
Cash due from collector	.	.	.	2	15
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					\$3,473 28

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector for 1883.*

Tax levy for 1883	\$41,941	93	
Interest collected	40	14
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							\$41,982 07
Cash paid D. H. Bates, treas.	\$38,119	80	
Cash paid D. H. Bates, as interest	40	14
Unpaid taxes, as per list	3,822	13
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							\$41,982 07

TAXES UNPAID, 1882.

John Brightman, balance	\$1	87
John Greenwood	6	38
William Hayden, balance	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	02
John W. Richardson, balance	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	50
David Thayer, balance	12	89
D. Brainard Thayer, balance	12	02
Nute Bros.	52	20
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							\$96	88

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES FEB. 1, 1884.

Heirs of Benjamin Arnold	\$15	53	Elijah Benjamin	.	.	.	\$22	70
Edward Bannon	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00	Michael Bentley	.	.	.	12	35
Benjamin C. Bannon	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00	William A. Bishop	.	.	.	19	94
Martin Bannon	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00	John Bowditch	.	.	.	14	77
Joseph I. Bates	.	.	.	.	.	.	30	98	J. Francis Bowditch	.	.	.	13	46
Joseph I. Bates & Son	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	39	Albert E. Bradford	.	.	.	2	00
Joseph I. Bates & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	90	John Brightman	.	.	.	3	04
F. Amasa Bates	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00	Sarah T. Brown	.	.	.	35	88
									Symms G. Buker	.	.	.	6	83

Frank A. Burrell . . .	\$43 40	Joshua N. Hobart . . .	\$21 74
Charles Carpenter . . .	37 88	Robert G. Hobart . . .	53 48
John Cavanagh . . .	178 65	Heirs of N. M. Hobart .	71 76
Leroy W. Collins . . .	2 00	Elias Holbrook . . .	33 74
James Croke (bal.) . .	4 83	Walter Holbrook (bal.)	3 45
John Croke . . .	2 00	C. L. Holbrook . . .	2 00
Heirs of John Cunningham	15 87	George E. Hollis . . .	2 00
Charles W. Daley . . .	13 73	William A. Hollis . . .	19 25
William J. Dana (bal.) .	27 60	Edward Huff . . .	5 80
Jeremiah Dennehey . .	16 49	William H. Howard . .	305 26
Heirs of Robert Dickey, .	3 80	Horace F. Hunt (bal.) .	1 04
Robert A. Dickey . . .	2 00	Thomas Hueston (bal.) .	22 08
John J. Downes (bal.) .	13 46	Patrick Hennegan . . .	2 00
Thomas Donahue . . .	3 38	Alden H. Holbrook . .	10 97
Thomas Doyle . . .	24 84	Daniel Horgan . . .	2 00
Edward H. Drinkwater, .	2 00	Israel Harness . . .	2 00
Heirs of Asa Dyer . . .	26 22	Silas M. Jones . . .	36 85
William F. Dyer . . .	26 50	Arza B. Keith (bal.) . .	28 23
Eugene A. Dustin . . .	2 00	James Laven . . .	11 73
Susan H. Drollett . . .	1 73	Mrs. George M. Lincoln	56 58
Patrick Deviney . . .	2 00	Henry O. Learned . . .	13 04
Charles C. Fogg . . .	15 80	Robert M. Loring . . .	14 08
Hiram A. French . . .	73 76	Heirs of Barnabas T. Loring	93 50
J. Jarvis French (bal.) .	9 66	Charles H. Loring . . .	14 42
Heirs of Adam French . .	39 68	Richard F. Loring . . .	3 73
John Jackson French . .	25 46	Luke Mulligan (bal.) . .	7 25
Waldo French . . .	74 45	Artemus L. Morrow . .	33 74
Charles Gardner . . .	15 11	Thomas J. McCormick . .	8 90
James Genders . . .	4 76	James McDonald (bal.)	13 11
Charles E. Goodnow . . .	2 00	Alexander McGaw . . .	17 18
John Greenwood . . .	9 59	John McGlinicy . . .	2 00
Dennis Griffin . . .	18 56	James McKenney . . .	2 07
Henry F. Hall . . .	13 39	James McSweeney . . .	19 94
Benjamin Hawes, . . .	20 98	Patrick McLaughlin . .	2 00
Benjamin Hawes, Jr. . .	24 08	Erastus A. Newton . . .	2 00
John H. Hawes . . .	2 69	Elisha B. Nightengale .	2 35
Heirs of Caleb Hayden .	21 74	Nicholas Nute . . .	3 38
Hosea B. Hayden . . .	6 14	Albert D. Nute . . .	2 00
William Hayden . . .	18 56	Alfred F. Nute . . .	2 00
Theodore A. Hayden . .	2 69	Willis H. Nute . . .	2 00
Loring Hayden . . .	3 38	Peter O'Roake . . .	9 59
C. Henry Hayden . . .	6 83	William H. Pierce . . .	2 00
Edward P. Hayward . . .	36 13	Herman F. Porter . . .	9 94
John Hayward . . .	27 53	Asa T. Pratt . . .	18 56
Patrick Hennesey . . .	18 91	Frank A. Pease . . .	2 00
Edward Hobart . . .	5 11	Mary Randall . . .	1 38
Heirs of Henry Hobart, .	16 91	John W. Richardson . .	19 25

Charles N. Richards .	\$2 00	Thatcher White . . .	\$68 94
John W. Rowell . . .	2 00	George S. Whiting . .	10 28
William W. Saunders .	2 00	Heirs of Elisha Wild	
Elisha Savill (bal.) . .	2 90	(bal.)	36 57
James Slyne	8 21	James Willis	3 45
James E. Slyne	2 00	Robert A. Wilson . . .	3 73
Terence Starr	2 00	John D. Young	2 00
Thomas B. Stoddard .	27 19		
John P. Stoddard . . .	14 77	NON-RESIDENTS.	
Timothy E. Sullivan .	2 00	Jenkins Manufacturing	
John F. Sullivan . . .	2 00	Co.	\$729 33
John Sommers	16 49	Samuel J. Wall	4 14
Webster D. Teele (bal.)	8 28	Boston Organ Co. . . .	13 80
Mrs. D. W. Teele	26 22	Marcellus Yawvey . . .	17 25
David Thayer	16 15	Neil McRae	31 05
David Thayer, 2d . . .	18 56	Charles A. Vinal (bal.).	12 63
D. Brainard Thayer . .	14 77	John Dorety	88 32
Ephraim B. Thayer . .	8 90	Mrs. John L. Hill . . .	20 01
Francis P. Thayer . . .	2 00	George Brown (bal.) . .	45 20
George W. Thayer . . .	2 00	William M. Hunt	8 28
Carrie C. Thayer . . .	33 12	Eleazer Beales	1 04
Lewis Thayer	10 63	Heirs of Samuel Chees-	
Simeon Thayer	16 49	man	3 11
Benjamin F. Torrey,		Robert V. Barnes	4 49
(bal.)	11 39	Solon W. Pratt	48 30
Joseph Tuck	2 00	Thomas B. Porter	30 02
Edgar H. Trufant . . .	13 04	Heirs of Mary T. W.	
William Thomas	2 00	Dewing	1 04
Thomas B. Vinton . . .	89 29	Frank W. Mead	42 78
Heirs of Freeman G.			
White	26 57		
Augustus White	29 95		
			\$3,822 13

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DAVID H. BATES, *Treasurer.*

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Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1883\$11,911	49
Cash received from :—						
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1881		4 07
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1882	.	.	.	.	3,283	68
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1882, interest	.	.	.	.	90	57
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1883	.	.	.	.	38,119	80
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1883, interest	.	.	.	.	40	14
Weymouth Bank (borrowed)	.	.	.	.	3,000	00
Braintree Saving Bank (borrowed)	.	.	.	.	6,000	00

Weymouth Bank, interest on deposits . . .	\$168 81
County of Norfolk, dog tax . . .	407 54
Joseph Dyer, treasurer Braintree school fund . .	300 00
Cash received from State, viz. : —	
Corporation tax	4,422 52
Bank tax	1,875 03
State aid	1,321 00
Support of indigent soldiers and sailors . .	425 25
State school fund	225 69
Burial of pauper	5 00
Support of State paupers	32 00
Cash received from Overseers of the Poor, viz. : —	
City of Brockton, due last year	17 13
City of Lawrence, due last year	17 75
City of Somerville, due last year	46 58
Town of Holbrook, due last year	130 00
Town of Harvard, due last year	31 00
Town of Foxboro, due last year	24 25
Town of Bridgewater, due last year	20 00
Town of Stoughton, due last year	8 00
Town of Manchester, due last year	3 83
City of Taunton	4 56
Refunded by poor persons	45 13
Refunded	286 21
Sale of cow from almshouse	65 00
Almshouse, labor, produce, etc.	667 18
Cash received from Selectmen, viz. : —	
Use of Town Hall	293 22
Use of piano	14 00
Billiard licenses	20 00
Sale of old hose	2 62
Sale of old drawbridge	36 00
State aid refunded	4 00
Sale of old couplings	3 55
Sale of rubber boots	18 00
Town of Holbrook	13 40
Burial lot, J. F. Holbrook	5 00
Burial lot, James Miller	5 00
Cash received from Road Commissioners, viz. : —	
Town land	35 20
Drawbridge	63 00
Snow bills	17 60
Old iron	7 12
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	\$73,536 92

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Cash paid on 689 orders	\$56,511 94
Weymouth Bank, note	3,000 00
Weymouth Bank, interest	45 75
Braintree Savings Bank, notes	6,000 00
Braintree Savings Bank, interest	45 75
William S. Dexter, interest	600 00
Amos W. Stetson, interest	550 00
N. F. T. Hayden, treasurer, interest	600 00
F. C. Miles, treasurer, interest	300 00
State tax	2,790 00
County tax	2,147 42
State, adjustment of corporation tax	5 06
Cash balance on hand	941 00
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	\$73,536 92

BRAINTREE, Feb. 15, 1884.

We have examined the accounts of David H. Bates, treasurer, and find them well vouched and rightly cast, and that the balance (\$941.00), as shown, is actually on hand and deposited in the Union National Bank of Weymouth in the name of the town of Braintree.

JOHN M. BEALS,
 ALVERDO MASON, } *Auditors.*
 EBEN DENTON,

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND INTEREST, FEB. 1, 1884.

Trustees estate of Gen. S. Thayer:—

Feb. 26, 1873, at six per cent \$10,000 00
 March 7, 1874, at six per cent 10,000 00

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, F. C. Miles,
treasurer:—

July 24, 1875, ten years, at six per cent 5,000 00

A. W. Stetson, trustee:—

Aug. 1, 1880, six years, at five and one half per
 cent 10,000 00

\$35,000 00

Less assets for schedule \$7,205 34

Net debt Feb. 1, 1884 \$27,794 66

Net debt Feb. 1, 1883 \$17,419 38

Net debt Feb. 1, 1884 27,794 66

Net debt more than last year \$10,375 28

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 1, 1884.

Balance in treasury	\$941 00
Due from Joseph Dyer, collector, 1882	99 03
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1883	3,822 13
City of Somerville	53 40
City of Brockton	174 55
City of Chelsea	10 00
City of Lawrence	16 00
Town of South Scituate	3 00
Town of Foxboro	5 50
Town of Holbrook	142 80
Town of Weymouth	35 01
Town of Canton	10 40
State pauper account	12 45
State aid (Cbap. 301)	1,421 75
State aid (Chap. 252)	417 95
Road Commissioners	24 37
Town of Quincy	4 00
Town of Bridgewater	12 00
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	\$7,205 34

Assets not collectible shown in last year's report:—

Due from Town of Chelmsford	\$20 00
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Braintree, on Monday the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money for any purpose.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$150, and pay the same to Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.

ART. 9. To see how the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department. *\$10. a year*

ART. 10. To see how the town will vote on the following question, as required by Chap. 54 of the Acts of the year 1881: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? *no*

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to deliver books from the Public Library to the people of the east part of the town, and appropriate money for the same. *See item 9th*

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to have a well dug at the intersection of Middle and Union Streets, for the accommodation of the school and general public, and appropriate money for the same. *referred to R. C.*

ART. 13. To see if the town will take any action in relation to their by-laws. *referred to R. C.*

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to amend Sect. 6 of Art. 4 of the by-laws of the town by the addition of the word "not" after the word "shall." *Referred*

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to make suitable gutters and drains to carry off surface water from the north side of Allen Street, leading from Shaw Street to Quincy Avenue, as recommended by the Road Commissioners, and appropriate money for the same. *Referred to R C*

ART. 16. To see if the town will request the Selectmen to notify the Old Colony Railroad Corporation to erect suitable gates as soon as practicable, and that an agent be stationed to open and close such gates when an engine passes at the following crossings: At the crossing on Commercial Street, near the house of L. O. Crocker; the crossing on Allen Street, near the engine house; the crossing on Shaw Street; and on Quincy Avenue, near the Union Church. *Referred to Selectmen*

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase and establish a set of scales, to be located in South Braintree, for the purpose of weighing coal, hay, etc. *Postponed*

ART. 18. To see if the town will appoint a committee, and authorize it in connection with committees appointed by the other towns, constituting the original town of Braintree, to have the records of Braintree, from 1640 to 1793, printed and indexed, and appropriate money therefor. *Referred to Comm*

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 382 of the statutes of the year 1871, in relation to the assessment of betterments on account of the cost of public improvements. *Referred to Comtee to report at next mtg*

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to pay their laborers on town work at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per day.

ART. 21. To see if the town will allow the Braintree military company the use of the armory free of expense.

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to repair the horse sheds and for the improvement of the town lands.

ART. 23. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to widen and straighten Washington Street, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

ART. 24. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to build a barn at the new almshouse.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to procure furniture for the new almshouse.

ART. 26. To see if the town will reappropriate the unexpended balance of the appropriation for building the drawbridge at East Braintree, and also the money unexpended on the almshouse appropriation.

ART. 27. To hear and act upon the report of any committee and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

S. W. HOLLIS,
A. O. CLARK,
A. J. BATES.
Selectmen of Braintree.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 18, 1884.

NORFOLK, ss.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

HENRY A. MONK,
Constable of Braintree.

JURY LIST,

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 18, 1884.

William Allen.
George H. Arnold.
Charles G. Anderson.
John M. Arnold.
Asaph T. Arnold.
Elisha A. Belcher.
William P. Bird.
Timothy D. Bagley.
Samuel A. Bates.
Freeman G. Crosby.
Luther O. Crocker.
~~Eben Denton.~~ *Royal Belcher*
Andrew Dyer.
Joseph Dyer.
George A. French.
Robert Gillespie.
Nathaniel F. Hunt.
Joseph H. Hobart.

Edward W. Hobart.
Charles W. Hobart.
Ellis Hollingsworth.
Edward P. Hayward.
Henry M. Hollis.
John H. Hawes.
Aiza B. Keith.
Benjamin J. Loring, Jr.
Alva S. Morrison.
Patrick Moils.
Isaac Porter.
Henry A. Penniman.
Henry A. Pierce.
Josiah Penniman.
Elbridge F. Porter.
Franklin Shaw.
Martin V. B. Shaw.
Russell F. Randal.

James T. Stevens.
Edward G. Stoddard.
Alfred Southworth.
William A. Tupper.
Caleb Thompson.
Henry S. Thayer.

Joseph Whiteley.
Jonathan F. White.
~~George D. Willis.~~ *H. C. Marsh*
Adoniram J. White.
Morrill Williams.
George T. Woodman.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

THE Town Clerk, in making his annual report, would beg leave to call attention to the fact that it is necessary that a correct registration of the births, marriages, and deaths should be made, as provided by law.

If, therefore, there should be any omissions or errors in the following report, he requests that he be notified thereof, and the proper correction will be made:—

MARRIAGES.

1883.			RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan.	10.	Charles S. Bates,	Boston,	26
		Sarah H. Merrill,	Braintree,	23
	17.	Edwin F. Watkins,	"	21
		Emma J. Gilman,	"	19
	24.	Walter E. Arnold,	"	21
		Bessie M. McKenzie,	"	20
	27.	Horace E. Bigelow,	Holbrook,	26
		Amber M. Jones,	Randolph,	16
	30.	Eben W. Sheppard,	Braintree,	22
		Fannie M. Pratt,	"	20
Feb.	30.	William Lavengie,	"	22
		Elizabeth Decose,	"	20
	7.	Horatio W. Dean,	"	34
		Lela M. Remington,	"	27
	9.	P. H. McLaughlin,	Weymouth,	28
		Katie E. McCormick,	Braintree,	27
	9.	Henry C. Jones,	Barnstable,	22
		Amelia F. Goodspeed,	Braintree,	18
March	7.	George A. Crockett,	"	26
		Mary A. Munday,	"	25
	11.	Chas. R. Saunders,	Weymouth,	26
		Jessie E. McGaw,	Braintree,	18
	20.	Orville M. Rogers,	"	25
April		Addie M. Rogers,	Orleans,	23
	1.	John McManus,	Braintree,	30
		Bridget Logan,	Boston,	29
	4.	Benj. W. Wheldon,	Brockton,	24
		Bessie M. Hurd,	"	17
	5.	Willie J. Loring,	Braintree,	22
		Jennie I. Robinson,	Weymouth,	22

1883.		RESIDENCE.	AGE.
April	10.	James W. Hender,	55
		Charlotte Bowditch,	37
	30.	Timothy Leary,	22
May		Rosa Gilbride,	21
	10.	Frank W. Geddes,	24
		Lillie M. Rowell,	18
	23.	Edwin F. Shaw,	27
		Lu L. T. Kingsley,	24
	24.	Jesse P. Newcomb,	25
June		Hattie M. Dunbar,	22
	13.	Charles A. Belcher,	24
		M. Josephine Dearing,	25
	15.	John H. Sumner,	53
		Elizabeth Walsh,	34
	16.	George D. Newcomb,	27
		Sarah B. C. Buker,	20
	24.	Edward J. Starr,	27
		Mary J. Smith,	22
	22.	Frank C. Litchfield,	21
July		Sarah A. Delano,	18
	9.	Thacher White,	51
		Martha F. Bailey,	30
	14.	Edward Avery,	55
		Margaret W. Ogden,	34
	30.	Joseph Carroll,	29
Aug.		Mary E. Holbrook,	17
	16.	George J. Wright,	40
		Sarah W. Loring,	26
	19.	James Anderson,	30
		Mary E. Grant,	22
	19.	Charles H. Sprague,	27
		Celia H. Thayer,	24
	20.	Michael J. Sullivan,	21
		Ann McManus,	27
	20.	B. Herbert Woodsum,	25
		Mina E. Mansfield,	20
		Camden, Me.	
Oct.	10.	Geo. M. Woodman,	23
		Lydia A. V. Smith,	21
	11.	Henry Davis,	25
		Annie Clinton,	26
	14.	William Durant,	26
		Jane Dejon,	27
	24.	Frank S. Thompson,	21
		Bertha W. Hayward,	20
	31.	Albert N. White,	28
		Susie E. Hustin,	20

	1883.		RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Nov.	6.	John P. Robery,	Braintree,	21
		Matilda Tellier,	"	16
	10.	Napoleon E. Benjamin,	"	24
		Emma F. Holbrook,	"	24
	20.	L. W. Morrison,	"	25
		Cora I. Bates,	"	25
	25.	John O'Rourke,	"	31
		Rosanna Devereux,	Weymouth,	24
	27.	Augustus McRae,	Braintree,	23
		Bridget Bentley,	"	24
Dec.	24	Elmer B Cole,	Carver,	25
		Emma M. Sellew,	Braintree,	25

BIRTHS.

	1883.		
Jan.	4.	John Meehan,	James and Annie.
	6.	Mary Elizabeth Drinkwater,	John J. and Lizzie D.
	13.	Katie Lizzie Costello,	Michael and Mary.
	22.	— Brooks,	Douglas A. and Ann M.
	26.	Bennie E. W. Simmons,	Alfred F. and Alice A.
	26.	Isaac Francis Decose,	Maurice and Flora.
	28.	William D. Harnish,	Isaiah and Sarah.
Feb.	7.	Bernard Leslie Simonds,	H. Willie and E. Clar bel.
	8.	Henry Chester Gage,	William L. and Mary E.
	9.	Frederic Jacob Dexheimer,	Jacob and Janette.
	12.	William Francis Haynes,	William and Margaret.
	12.	Ellen M. Haynes,	William and Margaret.
	13.	Frederic Cobb Whitmarsh,	S. Everett and Delia T.
	13.	Addie May Dyer,	George S. and Ida E.
	16.	Charlotte Helen Pettendreigh,	John and Jennie.
	17.	Lucy Cummings Hollis,	Joseph D. and Susie L.
	19.	Winfred Chester Holbrook,	Walter and Sarah F.
	27.	Roy Gardner Anderson,	Charles G. and Sarah J.
March	4.	George Henry Jones,	George E. and Martha L.
	4.	William Peter Kelley,	John and Mary J.
	6.	Addie Williams Snow,	Henry H. and Mary E.
	10.	Lizzie Richards Benjamin,	William A. and Ann.
	20.	Alice Gertrude Hargreaves,	William B. and Alice.
April	4.	Annie Hale Ellis,	Fred O. and Emma H.
	13.	Mary Jane Cotey,	Hubert and Maggie.
	14.	Merrick E. Parker,	George E. and Grace.
May	2.	Herbert Craig Packard,	Henry F. and Mary J.
	6.	Ernest Byron Newcomb,	George D. and Sarah B. C.
	14.	Lillian G. French,	William H. and Catherine.
	15.	Arthur Leonard Tellier.	Napoleon and Ann E.
	16.	— Cooper,	Cornelius and Charlotte.

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May	21. Eva Christina Pool,	Hosea T. and Clara I.
	26. Mary Garland Mischler,	Andrew M. and Catherine.
	30. Walter Greenough.	Abraham and Annie G.
June	1. Lee Dolloff Hodgkins,	Joseph H. and Ida M.
	6. James Warren Hawes,	Joseph Q. and Jennie F.
	14. Alfred Wallace Fisher,	Edward A. and Mercy C.
	27. Ralph Chauncy Willoby,	Henry N. and Mandana E.
	28. Mary Agnes Gallivan,	Daniel J. and Bridget G.
July	3. Arthur Wendall Drollett.	Albert A. and Orianna.
	11. Nathaniel Brackett Wales,	George O. and Abbie F. B.
	14. Elsie May Bunker,	Joshua M. and Nancy A.
	19. Blanche Butler Drinkwater,	Edward H. and Annie C.
	25. Fred Aubigne Hunt,	Aubigne A. and Alice B.
	26. Frank Ernest Lynch,	William R. and Lizzie M.
Aug.	2. Thomas Bell Watson,	Thomas A. and Elizabeth S.
	6. Arthur Sanford Holbrook,	Emma F.
	10. Freddie Amos Tenney,	Michael and Nellie.
	12. Mary Elizabeth Hollis,	Charles W. and Lura A.
	13. George Lawrence Jones,	George W. and Olive M.
	13. Annie Florence Jones,	George W. and Olive M.
	15. Eliza Jane Dejon,	Simon and Mary.
	17. James Herbert Baker,	Thomas and Elizabeth.
	21. James Henry Starr,	Terence and Charlotte.
	25. George William Ahearn,	William and Amelia.
	——— Lavengie,	William and Elizabeth.
Sept.	2. Alton Elihu Oliver,	F. Alton and Anna G.
	3. James Preston Gurney,	Maurice and Eliza.
	4. Maurice Shehan,	John F. and Honora.
	6. Helen May Starkey,	Frank R. and Anna F.
	14. William George Thompson,	Henry and Sophia.
	16. Clara Dejon,	Michael and Jane.
	20. William Joseph Ryan,	James and Mary.
	23. Nellie Marshall Richards,	Arthur E. and Anna D.
	29. Mary Lizzie Conley,	John J. and Elizabeth A.
	30. Della Louise Fletcher,	Henry J. and Flora D.
	30. Henrietta Cox,	James and Henrietta.
Oct.	1. Grace Isabel Loring,	Willie J. and Jennie I.
	7. Caroline Gage Stone,	Charles H. and Jennie B.
	9. ——— Lovering,	Robert H. and Carrie M.
	24. Thomas Donahue,	Peter and Margaret.
	31. Margaret Ellen Clinton,	Thomas and Ellen.
	31. Helen Wales Bates,	Charles S. and Sarah H.
Nov.	2. Blanche Marie Porter,	Elbridge F. and Louie.
	15. Eva Gibson Chambers,	James and Eliza.
	22. ——— Qualey,	James R. and Eliza J.
	22. Henry Clifton Woodsum,	R. Henry and Ida A.
	24. ——— Johnson,	F. Edward and Hannah L.

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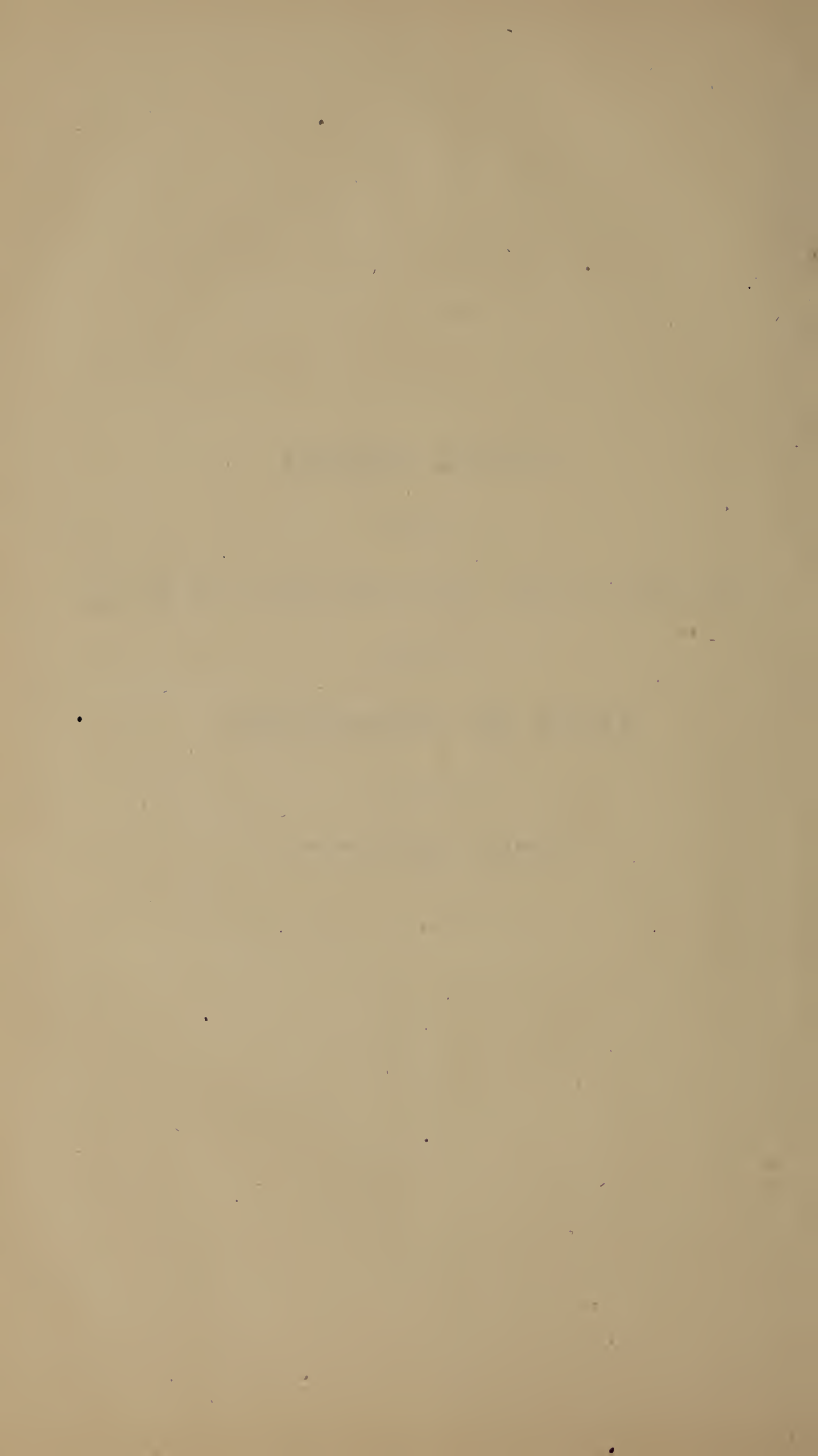
Nov. 27.	——— Alger,	Alexander and Mary E.
Dec. 1.	Helen Beatrice Geddes,	Frank W. and Lillie M.
8.	Charles Gordon Whitcomb,	Charles G. and Nettie H.
10.	Horace Winslow Chick,	James W. and Flora E.
14.	Thomas Green,	Thomas and Mary A.
14.	——— Pace,	Charles A. and Mary.
14.	Alton Francis Studley,	Edwin B. and Sarah F.
27.	Bertha Gertrude Saunders,	Alva A. and Cora L.
31.	William Edward Carver,	William A. and Sarah L.
	Robert Dejon,	Edward and Katie.

DEATHS.

1883.	NAME AND BIRTHPLACE.	YRS.	MOS.	DYS.
Jan.	1. John F. Call, Franklin, N. H.	15	7	
	2. N. Morton Hobart, Braintree,	58	2	22
	3. Fannie M. Bates,	20	10	20
	7. Oliver Simmons, Alexandria, N. H.	69	4	5
	9. Melinda P. Dean, Easton,	75	7	2
	16. Isaac Buker, Maine,	79	11	14
	18. Annie T. Dowd, Braintree,		3	21
	21. Sidney Johnson, East Bridgewater,	83	4	8
	23. ——— Brooks, Braintree,			1
	23. Patrick Crowe, Ireland,	58		
	26. William H. Hayden, Braintree,	1	8	6
	27. Jerry Sexton, Ireland,	77		
	29. George L. Hayden, Braintree,		10	27
Feb.	2. Ella E. French, Salem, N. H.	28	2	3
	17. Edith V. Allen, Braintree,	20	2	19
	21. Sarah A. Bowditch, Braintree,	71	11	4
	25. William H. Woods, Quincy,	21	8	23
	27. John P. Slavin, Braintree,	28	6	11
March	1. Ellen M. Haines, Braintree,			14
	28. Phebe A. Nason, Newbury, Vt.	38	11	6
	28. James H. Nightingale, Wareham,	24	5	28
	28. Caleb Hayden, Braintree,	63	2	
	30. Samuel A. Bates, Braintree,	1	7	16
April	10. Louisa Garrity, Quincy,	1	4	
	11. Mary Lynch, Weymouth,	26	5	14
	16. Nancy Snow, Bridgewater,	84	3	
	18. Mary J. Cotey, Braintree,			5
	26. William F. Rudderham, Cape Breton,	27		
May	2. Ida F. Woodsum, Braintree,	1	3	6
	7. Clara L. Bradford, Randolph,	3	5	29
	9. Elizabeth Magwood, Ireland,	80		
	11. Mary B. Jordan, Charlestown,	64	7	12
	11. Hephzibah Holbrook, Braintree,	83	5	26

	1883.	NAME AND BIRTHPLACE.	YRS.	MOS.	DYS.
May,	12.	Chester G. B. Saunders, Braintree,	2	10	3
	15.	Lillian G. French, Braintree,			1
	19.	J. Edward Geddes, Boston.	12	2	1
	25.	Louisa M. Holbrook, Canton,	32	11	
June	2.	Daniel Friel, Ireland,	78		
	5.	Francis Gorman, Ireland,	43		
	11.	William F. Fernald, Boston,	53	4	11
	29.	Samuel D. Goodwin, New Hampshire,	42	8	20
July	5.	Dorcas L. Noyes, Maine,	54		
	13.	Margaret J. Wilson, Ireland,	54	9	
	13.	Azel R. French, Braintree,		11	18
	15.	Alice G. Hargreave, Braintree,		3	25
	15.	Simon D. Dejon, Braintree,		9	17
	19.	William D. Harnish, Nova Scotia,		5	21
	19.	Joshua N. Hobart, Braintree,	74	11	4
	21.	Angie Wixon, Braintree,		9	21
Aug.	6.	Waldo French, Braintree,	81	7	12
	17.	Elsie M. Bunker, Braintree,		1	6
	19.	Annie L. Otis, Brocton,	42	7	13
	21.	John White, Vermont,	60	8	17
	25.	Adelaide F. Holbrook, Maine,	41	7	28
Sept.	4.	Mary J. Newcomb, Middleboro,	50	5	11
	6.	Thacher White, Braintree,	51	11	17
	11.	Ephraim B. Thayer, Braintree,	79	5	20
	16.	Mary A. Bailey, Medfield,	79	5	
	19.	Clare Dejon, Braintree,			3
	21.	Ann Rafferty, Ireland,	56	3	
	22.	James D. Sullivan, Braintree,	21	3	22
Oct.	6.	Ann Lewis, Acton,	84	11	26
	7.	Relief Penniman, Braintree,	84	7	13
	10.	George F. Penniman, Braintree,	46	7	23
	22.	George F. Hill, Braintree,	16	9	14
Nov.	11.	Bashba Waterman, Halifax,	77	10	
	21.	John Kimball, Grafton,	82	5	19
	21.	Mary Bowditch, Braintree,	64	6	6
	29.	Maurice Shehan, Braintree,		2	25
Dec.	3.	Frederick L. Dyer, Braintree,	3	3	9
	9.	John Jarvis French, Randolph,	58	3	
	11.	M. Ann Hayden, Braintree,	77	5	19
	28.	Annie L. Dyer, Boston,	6	6	9
	30.	Otis B. Sims, Braintree,	6	5	16

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1883-84.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE School Committee of Braintree, in submitting their annual report, would recognize the hand of Providence in the prosperity of our schools another year.

It is confidently believed that no previous year has shown better results; yet we know our work has been but imperfectly done, and that the schools have not attained, even approximately, to the degree of excellence which we desire, or that the people may expect. The great work of education in our public schools increases in magnitude and interest yearly. Educators are ever eager to overcome errors in teaching, to discover the best methods for the mental development of the child; and we have reason to believe that, while we are manifestly making progress in some directions, we are losing but little ground in any.

Two elements at least properly enter into the make-up of a school report: first, a statement of the condition of the schools; second, suggestions as to how they may be improved.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

We have already intimated that, in our opinion, the general condition of the schools is good. During the year there have been no acts of extreme violence, neglect, or abuse of which we are aware, and in most of the schools the children have made fair progress in the studies.

In the Union District the establishment of another primary school, as suggested in our last report, and for which the town made an appropriation, has been accomplished, and the new school is prospering under the instruction of Miss A. A. Mills.

Mr. Record, of the grammar grade, who has successfully taught in this school several years, asked for a vacation extending from January to April, which, according to custom, was granted, with the expectation that he will remain in the school a year longer. Mr. E. E. Swallow, a graduate of Yale College, and a gentleman of considerable experience in the school-room, is supplying in Mr. Record's stead. Miss Nevers, of the Intermediate School, on

account of sickness in her family, has recently resigned, and Miss Nutter has been secured to fill the vacancy. Miss Nutter has attended the Salem Normal School, and is an experienced teacher.

Miss Nevers has been doing good work in this school for several years, and her resignation is much regretted.

A change of teachers in the Southeast District being considered advisable, Miss King, of the Bridgewater Normal, and a graduate of our High School, was put in charge.

Mr. E. A. Pease was re-elected teacher of the Pond Grammar, but, expecting a situation elsewhere, with higher salary, he did not accept the position. Mr. H. E. Wentworth, a normal graduate, was elected in place of Mr. Pease; the change we think has not been detrimental to the school.

Although several of these teachers were not residents of Braintree, the committee are inclined to employ our own townspeople as teachers, if they have had proper training and have shown other qualifications.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The operations of this school during the past year have been successful as usual; the graduating class in July was large. The committee are happy to say that, while the teachers of this school do not think it wise to tax to the utmost the mental powers of the scholars and so endanger their health, they are careful to have them fairly understand the subjects they study, and that their deportment be such as should be expected in a school of this grade. All this is secured with very little friction. We consider the school a credit to the town, the positions held by many of its graduates attesting its work.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Last year a course of study for our schools was arranged, and the plan published in our report. This course has been tolerably well followed. It is thought some slight changes will improve it: so, with the modifications and corrections, the plan is reprinted.

Some are availing themselves of the advanced course in the grammar schools, and doubtless many more will in the future, — especially those who fail to enter the High School, those who do not desire to remain in school several years, and those who decide to enter early into business, or to learn a trade. The additional

studies make the course in this grade about equal to the grammar course in the schools of Boston and vicinity.

By the course laid down we have a fair gradation from the primaries to the Thayer Academy; which institution, by our present plan, scholars can be fitted to enter by remaining in our High School one or two years. As the requirements for admission to the Academy include Latin and algebra, our children must first enter the High School. This seems to be a hardship, yet, as on their completion of the grammar course many are quite young, to debar their immediate entrance to the Academy may be the very essence of wisdom.

BOOKS. — CHANGES; BOOKS OF REFERENCE; BOOKS ON MISCELLANEOUS, COMMON SUBJECTS.

Within a few years there has been great improvement in the preparation and printing of school books. This improvement is constantly going on, necessitating an occasional change, if we would keep pace with the times. For several years the committee have introduced new text-books in such a way and at such times as to cause the least possible expense to parents.

When, after fair consideration, it has been decided to change any book, the change has been made gradually, by requiring classes to purchase the new book only at such time as they would have been obliged to purchase the old, and at publishers' prices, plus ten per cent to our agents for care and selling.

No change has been made the present year; but it may be advisable to change readers, arithmetics, and histories the coming year, provided it can be done as above indicated, at no special cost.

During the year we have put upon the desk of each teacher two copies of a new reading book, which were to be used for supplementary reading. These books contain very interesting and instructive matter, and if rightly managed by the teachers will improve the reading, as well as increase the general knowledge of the pupil. We are pleased to say that in many of the schools they are in constant use.

Also books treating of common things, objects all about us, facts from many departments of knowledge have been placed in all our schools. The British gentlemen interested in education, who recently visited this country, examined some of the Boston schools,

and other schools upon the above subjects, and received correct answers to only forty per cent of their questions.

While our children have understood very well the subjects of the ordinary text-books, their information as to the most common things has been in a great degree limited. In some schools the pupils are much interested in these books, and we trust the teachers will feel it important to use them systematically and constantly. Teachers will doubtless enlarge on many of the subjects and add new ones.

SOME OF THE STUDIES.

Reading.

One of the essentials of a finished education is good reading. It is one of the most useful as well as attractive accomplishments. It is said but few teachers or public speakers are good readers; not twenty-five per cent can read prose or poetry, Bible or hymn, in a manner satisfactory to the hearers. If this be true of those who should be models, what can be said of the rest of mankind? And yet how much time is spent in learning to read. From defective articulation, enunciation, vocalization, often it is difficult to understand the passage read; words are often run together, sounds of letters omitted; accent, emphasis, and expression completely muddled! The reading in our schools is no worse than in most other places. It is all of a piece, bad!

Scholars, all the school, as a general daily or weekly exercise, should be drilled in the powers of letters, both singly and in their various combinations; so in the accent of syllables, in the emphasis and enunciation of words, in the *expression* of words and sentences. The ideal in reading should be to utter written language with correctness and fluency, to acquire mental discipline and knowledge, to gain the power of expressing emotion and thought by inflection, emphasis, tones of the voice. The scholar should make a study of his reading and understand thoroughly what he reads, be able to state the meaning of the author, infer his very sentiments and thoughts.

Probably, if a few lessons could be given teachers and advanced scholars by a professional reader, as has been done in Weymouth and many towns, much benefit might be derived; but the committee hesitate to ask for a sufficient appropriation.

Writing.

We fear some of our teachers are not particular in their supervision of writing, do not thoroughly prepare themselves for giving instruction in it. When scholars leave school, they should be able to write a neat, rapid, legible hand, and not be obliged to take lessons of writing masters and at commercial colleges. We hope to have more care bestowed upon this branch in the future.

Arithmetic.

Doubtless, years ago, in the day of the Colburn Arithmetic, *mental* arithmetic was automatically overdone. The reaction was so great as to take this study wholly out of some towns of the State, and to reduce its use to a minimum in others, among them our town. The plan of studies adopted last year requires a general weekly exercise in mental arithmetic in nearly all the grades.

It is also expected that teachers will make daily use of the oral examples contained in the written arithmetic, in connection with the written. Most of the teachers have taught this, as required; some have failed to do so: hence a closer supervision on the part of subcommittees may be necessary.

In the lower grades there is a lack of ready, accurate knowledge of the tables of numbers.

As to *written* arithmetic, we fear a number of the teachers do not realize the importance of thorough, repeated explanation of principles and processes. Every pupil should be able to give the reasons for the solution of examples as well as to state the process. In some of the school-rooms, where the children have been thoroughly trained on these points, it is delightful to listen to an exhibition of their knowledge of the study.

Geography.

The subcommittee to whom geography was especially assigned suggested to the teachers the utility of frequent map-drawing. The map was to be drawn rapidly, not always nicely, and used for recitation, the pupil being required to point out or locate with crayon upon his rough sketch whatever was possible in connection with the lesson; *e. g.*, the localities of cities and towns, the positions of countries and mountains, the courses of rivers and ocean currents, peoples, productions, geographical circles.

The tracing upon these maps of rivers and mountains with their attending valleys takes the place to some extent of the much-vaunted Quincy plan of moulding, upon boards especially prepared for the purpose, representations of mountains, coast lines, valleys, etc., — a good plan, doubtless, although troublesome to many teachers.

In those schools where the plan proposed by the committee has been followed, there appears to be a better knowledge of geography than in others. We urge a thorough trial of the plan by all who teach this branch. It should be remembered that geography is the handmaid of history, consequently this method can be used to advantage in teaching history.

Grammar and Language.

We all admit the importance of a knowledge of grammar, consisting chiefly of the rules of language. For some years, however, many of the best writers upon the English language, and able teachers of it, have been of the opinion that it is not well to spend much time on the old-style grammar, but instead, to practise constantly upon paper, slate, or blackboard sentence writing, to illustrate true and false syntax. This should be commenced with the primaries and continued through all grades. Though the committee would not wholly discard technical grammar, they believe correct English can be more easily and quickly acquired by the new method, and so expect the instructors to teach the language mainly in this way. Some of our teachers, especially those used to normal-school methods, have followed this plan closely, with excellent results. We hope our teachers will do what they can the ensuing year to test “language lessons” *vs.* the memorizing of the dry rules and definitions of grammar.

In the same line is the writing of compositions and abstracts. Our plan of study requires that more attention be given to these than heretofore, and systematically. Some of the schools have done very good work in this direction.

Drawing.

The law requires that drawing be taught in the common schools; we can allow but little time for it, — thirty minutes once or twice a week. Many advantages result from even a moderate amount of training in drawing. A large proportion of the scholars will be

engaged in occupations where a knowledge of distance, form, shading, or the ability to make any required figure or sketch, will be not only convenient but often necessary. It cannot be expected that all will become good draughtsmen or artists; yet it will be well for all to understand the principles of this branch of education. Instruction will develop some talent, and many will the better appreciate and imitate whatever is beautiful in art or nature.

Vocal Music.

The general experience is that music exerts upon the mind a refining, elevating influence, does much towards toning down the rough, boisterous spirit which many children have, and is an important aid in the discipline and moral education of a school. Proper training in vocal music strengthens the vocal organs, including the lungs, and so improves articulation, enunciation, and expression as to make better readers and speakers. It is doubtful if any one accomplishment affords greater pleasure to its possessor, to the family, not unfrequently to a community. Often, skill in music secures to its possessor a large salary.

With this view, Mr. E. P. Hayward has been engaged, for one dollar per lesson, to give a few weekly lessons in music to the High School scholars. The committee hope the plan will meet with such general approval that it will be considered advisable to continue these lessons at least during one term of the year.

Other qualifications being equal, the committee think they would be justified in selecting for our schools, teachers who could give instruction in vocal music. Nearly all teachers agree that some attention to drawing and music does not diminish the scholar's interest or hinder his progress in the three R's. It seems certain that before many years music will be considered and taught in this country as an essential to sound education, an important factor in arousing mental activity and securing mental discipline, and that teachers, educators, will see the propriety of giving it a fixed and prominent place in all the schools.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

In our schools twenty-five years ago, if a scholar was able to stand up and recite *verbatim* his assigned lessons, answer the teacher or committee any question for which an answer might be found between the covers of his book, he was looked upon as an extraor-

dinary scholar, and the teacher of course was a paragon. Illustration of the lesson in various ways, extemporized problems, etc., the teacher seldom or never troubled himself or herself about.

The reaction which has taken place in some localities from the old method of memorizing all a book contained to the absolute non-use of books is very undesirable.

The effort of the committee is to have teachers pursue a conservative, progressive course and to a considerable extent the plan is being successfully carried out. For instance: when the child first enters a school, instead of the never-ending repetition of a, b, c, the teacher is expected to place a *word* upon the board, and illustrate the word, if possible, by a picture upon a chart or blackboard, or by the object itself. In this way, and by frequently taking up the letters, the child will learn to read in much less time than formerly. From this method also comes broader thought. The child early learns to think of something more than the forms of the letters and words, connects them with what they represent, and, naturally, has many thoughts therewith,—a process of mind which will continue to develop in all of the school-life; and in all of the after-life.

During the past year much has been said and written upon the subject of teaching. The air has been full of theory. Doubtless there is virtue in all methods, from the Socratic to the Pestalozzian; but who—what teacher—is perfectly satisfied with any plan of instruction yet presented? Does not the experience of the last half-century prove that there is no “only royal highway to learning”? Has not education been secured in the absence of all theory, as well as by every variety of theoretical application?

President Eliot says, “The very word ‘education’ is a standing protest against dogmatic teaching. The notion that education consists in the authoritative inculcation of what the teacher deems true may be logical and appropriate in some places, under some circumstances, but it is intolerable in public schools, from primary to professional.”

The teacher should study, as the gardener studies plants, the child’s nature, try to discover its individualities, inherent characteristics. Let there be in teaching vigor, newness, acuteness, ingenuity. After paying due attention to all the fundamental facts in a particular study, making proper obeisance to its maxims, seek to inspire the pupil, by fresh application and illustration, with deep

interest in its principles. The skilful teacher will give to study its proper surroundings, and so enliven dry and hard studies as to make them alluring and delightful.

We believe that, on the whole, we have a corps of conscientious, capable teachers, devoted to the highest good of their pupils.

Let them try to make study more attractive, more practical, prompt their scholars to generous rivalry, that all may be stimulated to exert themselves to an extent that will moderately tax their abilities. Then the children will not only make rapid progress, but they will make it without brain-ache or heart-ache.

To this end much extemporizing of school topics, *oral instruction*, is well. Let teachers be less confined to text-books, draw out ideas, and not words, *create* thought, introduce collateral facts, and show what range may be given to a subject.

The teacher who best does all this will be most successful.

DEPORTMENT.

Often we hear it said, "Children are not so respectful as they used to be." A late writer remarks, "In the increasing activity of our people, in the intensity of our haste to be rich, we cannot wait to be respectful. Parents once brought up their children; children now bring down their parents. Formerly, the traveller, in passing the school play-ground, was saluted by deferential bows and courtesies; now, the hat adheres to the head as firmly as the scalp, and the traveller is happy if he can dodge between the snow-balls which fly around him like bombshells from a Malakoff." There may be considerable truth in all this, though we know of many very respectful and polite young people. We urge upon teachers the importance of securing proper deportment on the part of their scholars when in and about school, and of inculcating and enforcing, so far as possible, a code of *street ethics*.

DISCIPLINE.

The school should be so governed or managed that there shall be nothing in the conduct of either teacher or scholar to prevent the highest practical realization of the design of the school, viz., the education of the scholar. Order, system, quiet, obedience, and deference on the part of pupils are plainly necessary in the prosecution of school work, and in every school there should be so much of discipline as involves these as results. The discipline of a school

is the exponent of the relation between the teacher and the scholars. This relation should be like that of the "kind, judicious parent in the family." So that the practical question for teachers, in every case, must be, "Do I act toward my scholar as I should act, if kind and judicious, toward my child?" And, on the other hand, the scholar should ask, "Do I act toward my teacher as I should toward my kind and judicious parent?" The teacher is bound to exercise both kindness and judgment. In dealing with any case of disobedience or insubordination, the scholar should be brought to a conviction of his wrong by the dispassionate statements and reasonings of the teacher, applied with that kindness and gentleness of spirit which touches his heart, because it assures him of a real charity and consideration. No mere reproach, no harshness or roughness of manner, and, above all, no coarse or degrading epithets should be applied by a teacher.

As a rule, we think, our teachers maintain discipline in their schools upon the plan here indicated.

TRUANCY, TARDINESS, AND ABSENTEEISM.

Despite the efforts of committee and truant officers, *truancy*, *tardiness*, and *absenteeism* continue to interfere with the usefulness of our schools. However, we have reason to believe they have prevailed much less this year than heretofore, especially in some sections of the town.

The committee do not desire to go, and thus far they have not gone, to the extremes which the law allows for the control of absentees and truants. But it is certainly a question of very grave importance whether the committee should not enforce the provisions of the statutes, — send them to schools especially provided for such, — rather than allow so many to grow up in ignorance, seldom or never attending school.

Frequently many of these children are not sufficiently well clothed to appear at school, nor can they be unless furnished by the Overseers of the Poor.

No school can make the progress it might unless its members promptly and regularly attend. The child who is late disturbs the school, and commences his day's work at a great disadvantage.

If parents could only feel the importance of this subject, they might do much to remedy the evil. Ought they not to co-operate with teachers and committee in whatever is for their children's

good? Ought they so readily to assent to their desire to remain away from school for imaginary sickness, play, or the thousand-and-one excuses which children make?

There are cases where parents are to some extent dependent upon the services of their children for part of a day or year. Many parents, no doubt, regret this necessity; but whatever the circumstances may be, are parents reasonable when they suppose that the children whose attendance is so irregular can hold a creditable position in their classes?

Should not such scholars be content to occupy the places they make for themselves, and drop into the classes for which they are fitted?

To allow promotion in these cases would be not only unjust to the scholar's class, but, what is of greater weight, though less frequently understood, unjust to the scholar himself.

EXAMINATIONS.

For several years there have been in our schools at stated times both oral and written examinations. At the close of the fall and winter term, a private examination, oral, is made of all the classes below the highest. At the close of the spring and summer term, there is a public oral examination of the first class; also an exhibition. In all grades below the High School, these written and oral examinations, with the teachers' daily records, determine the standing and promotion of the scholars. If, at any time there appears to have been injustice done, an average of ninety per cent in recitation during the first four weeks of a term assures the promotion of the scholar.

For many years, admission to the High School has been determined by a written examination; impartiality has been secured by placing upon the papers, instead of names, numbers, assigned by a third party, generally the principal of the school. Perhaps the result of this method is not always just, though the method is readily seen to be impartial. It is not always that one can write what he knows as well as he can tell it. A very scholarly gentleman, connected with the schools of Boston, recently said that an examination for promotion wholly written does injustice to some and is a hindrance to the progress of the school. Your committee have many times considered whether some method better than the present might not be agreed upon. Here-

after, the daily records of the grammar schools will go far to decide doubtful cases. That these records may be reliable, great care in marking is expected of the teachers.

The written examinations required in the grammar and lower grades are valuable, in that they require activity of mind during the examination, encourage the good scholars, and incite the poorer to greater effort, show their knowledge of the subjects, and assist the teacher in discovering whether his instruction has been faulty in any respect. Thought, language, and memory are cultivated, and, if all possible care is taken to make the papers appear well, there will be improvement in punctuation and penmanship.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

That they might the better accomplish their work, the committee have generally met on the first Tuesday of each month, and have had a number of special meetings; usually the meetings have been well attended. Several times the teachers and committee have held joint meetings, with the view of discussing any and all school matters, and of reading essays upon school topics. The attendance has been remarkably good. Believing they may lead to increased *esprit de corps*, stimulate the committee to greater interest and activity, and result in much good to the schools, we trust these meetings may be continued.

SUSPENSION OF SCHOOLS ON ACCOUNT OF DISEASE.

Usually, the committee have consulted the town's Board of Health and the attending physicians whenever contagious diseases of malignant type have, or appear to have, invaded the schools, and have endeavored to pursue a prudent course as to their supervision. If it seemed probable that such diseases would be taken, or "spread," by the attendance of children from infected families, the committee were entirely willing to suspend the school or schools so endangered. Often, however, parents become so alarmed as to withdraw their children from school, and then let them run at large in the streets, stores, and other places, where they are as likely to take the diseases as in the school-room, and not unfrequently are quite careless as to how much they expose themselves and, ultimately, their children. The Board of Health, physicians advising them, forbid children and adults, belonging to families in which there is any malignant disease, going among

other people ; and the School Committee forbid such children entering school, and so instruct the teachers. With such limitations, it does not often seem necessary to close the schools.

If the schools should be closed whenever there are a few severe cases, or whenever there are numerous lighter ones, many years they would not be open half the time.

T. H. DEARING,
For the Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Schools	\$8,300 00
Dog tax	407 54
State school fund	225 69
Town school fund	300 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	300 00
Refurnishing room in East	350 00
Refurnishing room in Union	325 00
Repairs on South Schoolhouse	100 00
Repairs on Southwest Schoolhouse	100 00
Painting schoolhouses.	500 00
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EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Schools	\$9,188 90
Incidentals of schools	429 93
Incidentals of schoolhouses	178 94
Furnishing new room in Union	298 06
Refurnishing room in East	357 42
Repairs on schoolhouses	86 96
Repairs on Southwest	103 50
Painting schoolhouses	485 00
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	\$11,128 71

Balance of appropriation unexpended	\$79 52
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ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Support of schools	\$9,200 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	300 00
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RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

The school year shall consist of forty-three weeks, including three vacations, viz., one week at Thanksgiving, one week at Christmas, and one week at Fast; and shall commence the first Monday in September.

The schools are to be kept on the first five secular days of each week, and at no other time.

Teachers must be at their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the time of opening the school in the morning, and commence and close the school at the prescribed hour, the record of attendance to be made at the time of opening.

The morning exercises in all the schools shall commence with the reading of the English Bible by the teacher, without comment.

School hours shall be from nine to twelve o'clock in the morning, all the year; from one to four in the afternoon, between the first of November and the first of April, and from half past one to half past four the remaining time of the year, unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

Teachers shall not suspend their schools, nor change the school hours, except by permission of the committee; nor must any recess exceed fifteen minutes; neither shall any scholar be deprived of a recess as a punishment.

Teachers shall require scholars, when dismissed, to leave the schoolhouse and grounds immediately, and proceed to their homes; unless otherwise ordered by their parents or guardians.

No teacher is permitted to perform any work not belonging to the duties of the school in school hours.

Teachers shall see that their rooms, grounds, and all that pertains to the school premises are kept neat and in good order during term time.

Whenever any school taught by a male teacher is in the same building with other schools, said teacher shall be regarded as the principal of said schools for the purpose of having general oversight of the buildings and grounds, and the other teachers shall be regarded as assistants.

For violent or gross opposition to authority, or when the conduct of a pupil either in or about the building is such that his example is injurious to the other pupils, the teacher may suspend such pupil; but the case must be reported forthwith to the commit-

tee for advice and direction, and at the same time notice must be given to the parent or guardian.

No substitute shall be placed in a school by a teacher without the approval of the subcommittee.

Teachers must use such means as they have for ventilating the rooms.

Four times a year, in the last month of each half term, all the classes in all the schools above the grade of primary shall have written examinations by the teachers, and the examination papers shall be kept on file for the inspection of the committee, or parents of scholars above primary grade.

Daily records of recitations in arithmetic, grammar, history, and geography shall be kept by the teacher.

No child shall be admitted to our schools under five years of age.

All scholars must attend the schools to which they are assigned, unless otherwise directed by the committee.

Whenever any scholar shall unnecessarily be absent from the examination of his or her school, such scholar shall not be permitted to re-enter any school in town except by consent of the subcommittee.

Any damage done to a schoolhouse, the furniture, or any part of the premises must be paid for by the parent or guardian of the child or children doing the damage.

No scholar shall be degraded or put into a lower class without consent of the committee.

Scholars may be promoted at the commencement of any term, provided the parents are willing, and the scholars are able to recite in the lower class, also, till the lessons which were passed over in the promotion be made up. But each case must be decided by the committee.

In extremely inclement weather the schools may have but one session, yet, if possible, the teacher must consult the committee.

No books or papers are allowed in the schools but those prescribed or assented to by the committee.

Whenever any parent or guardian shall feel aggrieved by the conduct of any teacher, the cause of grievance must either be removed by a private interview with the teacher or be reported to the committee.

Any violation of these rules by a teacher shall be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

The janitor's duties shall consist in keeping the school-room well heated, swept and dusted twice each week, the outbuildings in a clean condition, the cellars and yards free from rubbish, and the snow promptly removed from all walks and steps. He shall immediately report any damage to schoolhouse or outbuildings to the subcommittee, and shall receive such compensation as may be agreed upon.

COURSE OF STUDIES.

SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

September to February.

Words, letters, and numbers on the board and slates. Commence Primer, Drawing on slates, Objects and Colors.

February to July.

Primer, Spelling, Drawing; writing letters, words, and numbers on slates and on the board; Colors and Objects.

SECOND YEAR.

Second Reader, Spelling; write sentences, drawing on slates and boards; learn numbers, punctuation-marks, chapters, objects, and colors; Supplementary Reading; Singing a daily exercise; Desk book on miscellaneous subjects.

FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Third Reader, Supplementary Reading, Spelling; commence Primary Arithmetic and Writing Books; Drawing on board, partly in colors; write long sentences weekly; Desk book on miscellaneous subjects.

SECOND YEAR.

Continue last year's work; take Fourth Reader, Geography, Intellectual Arithmetic, Supplementary Reading; Singing and Gymnastics, general exercises through the year; Desk book on miscellaneous subjects; short Compositions monthly.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Intermediate Reader, Spelling (from Speller and Reader), Supplementary Reading, Writing, Intermediate Arithmetic, Geography, Language (Swinton's Primer), and Drawing. Abbreviations, Composition, Mental Arithmetic, and Gymnastics as general exercises through this and the next year. Desk book on miscellaneous subjects.

SECOND YEAR.

Continue and complete studies of last year; take Fifth Reader, Supplementary Reading, Large Geography, Desk book on miscellaneous subjects; Writing three times a week, Drawing twice. Written examination once a term. Drawing twice a week through this and the following year. Written abstracts twice a year.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR, — FIRST TERM.

Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Supplementary Reading, and Writing three times a week.

SECOND TERM.

Previous studies continued. Add United States History, Composition monthly.

SECOND YEAR.

Studies of last term of last year continued; Arithmetic to Cube Root, finish Grammar and Geography; Mental Arithmetic and Gymnastics, general exercises for both years; Desk book on miscellaneous subjects; Language upon the boards weekly or oftener.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

EXTRA YEAR.

September to December.

Complete studies of previous year, and take Bookkeeping and General History. Drawing through the year.

December to February.

Bookkeeping continued; Commercial Arithmetic and Correspondence, General History, Physiology and Hygiene.

February to April.

Continue studies of last half-term, except Physiology and Hygiene; take Physics.

April to June.

Continue studies of last half-term, except General History and Physics. Take Astromomy, Geology, Select Readings, Writing, Language, Spelling, and Mental Arithmetic weekly for the year; Desk book on miscellaneous subjects.

Grant diploma.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR, — FIRST TERM.

Language and Algebra. Writing and Drawing, weekly class exercises through the year; Written and Mental Arithmetic, Reading and Spelling, weekly general exercises through the year.

SECOND TERM.

Algebra, General History and Language,

SECOND YEAR, — FIRST TERM.

General History, Natural Philosophy, and Civil Government.

SECOND TERM.

Geometry, Astronomy, and Chemistry.

Weekly class and general exercises as last year.

THIRD YEAR, — FIRST TERM.

Trigonometry, Physiology and Hygiene, and Geology.

SECOND TERM.

Bookkeeping, Botany, Political Economy, Morals and Manners.

Composition and Declamation monthly for three years.

Physical Geography, for the first year, elective.

Latin for three years, elective.

French for two years, elective.

The course of study in the mixed schools will be the same as in the graded, except the extra-year studies in the grammar schools.

TEXT-BOOKS OF THE BRAINTREE SCHOOLS, AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Walton's Arithmetic, Robinson's Algebra, Davies' Geometry, Davies' Trigonometry, Swinton's History, Boyd's Rhetoric, Warren's Physical Geography, Messerve's Bookkeeping, Wood's Botany, Steele's Chemistry, Geology, Philosophy, Physiology and Hygiene, and Astronomy; Martin's Civil Government, Smith's Drawing, Payson's D. and S. Writing, Keetel's French Grammar; Robinson Crusoe, Contes Merveilleux, Allen's Latin Grammar, Latin Reader, Cæsar, Virgil, Worcester's Dictionary, Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World, Thomas' Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology.

GRAMMAR, INTERMEDIATE, AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Swinton's Spellers, Franklin Readers, Franklin Arithmetics, Reed & Kellogg's Grammar, Swinton's Language Primer, Harper's Geographies, Anderson's United States History, Smith's Drawing, Payson, D. & S. Writing books, Desk books and Supplementary Reading of various kinds and grades, Worcester's Dictionary.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

	Average number belonging.	Average attendance.	Average per cent.	Number under 5.	Number over 15.	Length of school in months.	Wages per month.
High.....	68.6	66.59	97	0	42	10	\$140 00 male. 45 00 female.
Pond Grammar.....	41.7	37.6	90	0	3	10	60 00
“ Intermediate.....	27.95	24.3	87—	0	0	10	32 00
“ First Primary.....	31.25	27.3	87+	0	0	10	32 00
“ Second Primary.....	47.8	40.4	85—	0	0	10	32 00
Union Grammar.....	25.715	24.882	97—	0	2	10	60 00
“ Intermediate.....	35	31.475	90—	0	0	10	32 00
“ First Primary.....	30.28	26.3	86+	0	0	8	32 00
“ Second Primary.....	46.5	35.25	76—	2	0	10	32 00
Iron Works Grammar.....	25.27	23.37	92+	0	1	10	60 00
“ Intermediate	39.12	34.86	89+	0	0	10	32 00
“ Primary.....	57	51	89+	0	0	10	32 00
Middle Street.....	24.75	20.57	83+	0	1	10	28 80
Southeast	15.7	12	70	0	0	10	28 00
South	36.45	30.45	81—	3	0	10	32 00
Southwest	16.63	15.22	91+	0	1	10	32 00
West	15.375	13.625	88+	2	0	10	24 00
East Grammar	26	23	88+	0	2	10	45 00
“ Primary	33.75	27.6	81+	1	0	10	32 00
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